



MEETING NOTES

Region 3 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: 12/19/22, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Council Members Present: Bethany Radcliffe, Kelsey Richardson, Heidi Mose, Fawn Terwillger

Council Members Absent: Kelsi Thompson, Judith Hopkins, Taylor Lagle, and Kristen Kelley

5:00pm: Welcome & Review of Community Agreements, Mission, and Vision

Notes: Members learned about Birth to Five Illinois through Facebook posts

Decisions Made: community agreements were reviewed and agreed upon

Next Steps: N/A

5:20pm: Regional Scan Demographics Review and Discussion

Notes:

- Jamboard Activities
 - When you think of your community, what comes to mind?
 - Missing the mark
 - Not willing to think outside of the box
 - What are some stereotypes you've heard about your community?
 - poor, hicks, uneducated
 - snooty
 - faith-based
 - closed community
 - What generally gets missed in your community?
 - Opportunities
 - Accepting or welcoming community
 - Working/Poor class
- Reviewed licensed providers in our Region
 - Discussed the need to make it easier for unlicensed home daycares to become licensed (families rely on that income but becoming licensed is time-consuming and confusing)
 - Others say becoming licensed is almost too easy – needs to be more stringent



- Unlicensed home daycares in our Region do not seem interested in obtaining licensing because it's easy to get away with it
- Recommendations for fixing Region 3's ECEC issues
 - Creating a space where organizations of resources can work together/brainstorm and share their resources
 - Help community members understand daycare licensing and provide positive feedback on how licensing helps our community as a whole
 - Greater accountability for unlicensed homes to build quality care
 - Grants should be for priority populations, not only diverse populations
 - Realign boundaries for grant-funded programs based on need. I.e., towns under \$X, not counties as a whole
 - Implementing a vocational program at the high school level for students who are interested in ECEC work

Decisions Made: members to reach out with any other thoughts/ideas/recommendations as Regional Scan is being put together now.

Next Steps: Fawn to provide Impact Report to Heather and Amy to review

6:50pm: Training Opportunities and Review Next Meeting Time and Location

Notes: discussed training opportunities available to members because they are on our council; reviewed next meeting information

Decisions Made: meeting follow-up email to go out with links for training and next meeting information; include slide deck in email for the members who could not attend; reminder email for meeting to be sent a few days prior to meeting time.

Next Steps: Follow-up email sent out to family council members

7:00pm: Adjourn

Notes: Reminder for stipend forms to be filled out and returned to Katie.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Next Meeting

Date: January 9, 2023



Time: 5:00pm
Location: Zoom