



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 24 Action Council Meeting

**Location:** Hybrid- 1304 Sunset Ave. Suite B, Yorkville, IL or Zoom

**Date & Time:** February 1, 2023, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Council Members present: Glenda Love, Michelle Polivka, Genny Haggard

Council Members absent: Stephanie Adamson, Ann Marie Kuta, Jami Mast, Jessica Kubiak, Melissa Vargas, Nancy Beal, Corey Mehnert

#### **11:00am: Welcome & Introductions (5 Minutes)**

Notes: Welcomed back everyone to the fifth Action Council Meeting. Sharkisha checked in with members regarding how they are doing.

#### **11:05am: Community Agreements (5 Minutes)**

Notes: Council members read over agreed upon Community Agreements.

Decisions made: Action Council members all agreed on the Community Agreements.

Next Steps: Continue to have open communication in all meetings.

#### **11:10am: Ice Breaker Activity (10 Minutes)**

Notes: Council members were asked to share their greatest accomplishment with the group.

#### **11:20am: Meeting #4 Follow-Up (10mins)**

Notes: Regional Council Manager followed up with council members regarding a couple of items from the previous meeting. Items addressed are listed below:

- Update on Family Council progress
- Action Council member's feedback regarding slot gap information presented at the previous meeting.

#### **11:30am: Local Community Collaborations (1hr 25mins)**

Notes: Council members were shown Illinois Action for Children's video on Community System Development. After the video, a list of local collaborations was shown to the council members. Members gave their insight regarding if they have heard of any of the collaborations or have been involved with any of them. One member had never heard of any of them after being in the Early Childhood field for the last twenty years. The rest of the members know of only a couple of the collaborations and have attended their meetings. As the local collaboration discussion continued, council members were asked the following questions:

- What are existing collaborations or community groups working on?
- Are there areas of the region where there are no community collaborations?

- How does it connect with the broader regional community systems work?
- What questions are unasked/unanswered about local collaborations in your region?
- What questions should be asked of local collaboration leaders in your region?

Here are some key points from council members:

- There are areas of the region where there are not any community collaborations.
- One local collaboration has gathered agencies in one location to hold office hours for parents to obtain multiple resources in one location.
- The region could use more collaborations, especially in early childhood.
- Grundy county's collaborations seem to all work in tandem with each other. However, there are none specifically for early education and care.
- Current collaborations should use their platform to help agencies and organizations brainstorm solutions to problems they are facing.

### **12:50pm: Action Council Logistics/Next Steps (10 mins)**

Notes: Action Council members were asked what they feel should be our next steps. Here are their responses:

- Suggest to collaborations to create a space for brainstorming solutions to issues participants are experiencing within their organization or agency.
- Find out from stakeholders what they are working on within their organization and their insight on gaps in services and barriers within the community.
- Form partnerships with pediatricians. Spread more in-depth awareness to pediatricians about services and resources available in the community for children and families. Hold one-on-one meetings with them to learn about the developmental trends they are seeing in their patients. Use this as an opportunity to educate pediatricians about services and resources.
- Organizing and implementing resource fairs in Grundy County specifically, for parents to learn about and obtain services/resources for their family and/or children.

### **Next Meeting:**

Date- February 15, 2023

Time- 11:00am-1:00pm

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