



MEETING NOTES

Region 1 Action Council Meeting

Location: Remote via ZOOM

Date & Time: January 24, 2023 3:15 pm – 4:45 pm

Council Members present: Andrea Akers, Sarah Farha, Katie Janssen, April Darringer, Brittney Brokaw, Brooke Walker, Julie Stratman, Cassie Delaney
Council Members Absent: Rosemary Grace, Meyonna MInner, Vianey Torres, Erica Maynard, Kathy Fellhauer

3:15pm: Welcome/Introductions/Community Agreements

The group welcomed Katie Janssen to her first meeting of the Action Council

3:20pm: Reflective Discussion

Reflective question: "Please take a moment to think of the access points in your services. What systematic changes would help you reach more families? If naming funding- please specify what funds would be needed for : additional staff, outreach, data collection, streamlining intake/referral, facilities expansion or other."

Answers to this question include:

- addition/expansion of home visiting programs to existing PFA programs to expand reach
- Additional recruitment efforts for higher ed
- Opportunities to build relationships in rural areas
- Additional reach to provide linkages to services already in place (Early Head Start, PI, CCR&R, mental health services)
- Workforce needs - not enough staff to serve current funding capacity let alone any increases in capacity

3:40pm: Home visiting models/curricula

Conversation about home visiting programs/models in region

- PI
- EHS

- DCFS Intact Workers - perform service plans and make referrals to education and care agencies/organization
- CCR&R - does not home visit, but does do kg screenings
- Health Departments
- Transitions **(Adams County)**
- Cornerstone? **(Adams County)**
- Safe Families - no one knows much about this

Conversation regarding what curricula are being used in home visiting programs in the region:

- PAT
- Baby Talk
- Healthy Families

DCFS and CCR&R stricken from list of home visiting as they are not technically home visiting programs - they are making referrals to agencies who do have this designation

Circle Back: What is going on with Cornerstone and Transitions programs in Quincy? Does Safe Families have a curriculum?

3:49pm: Developmental Screenings

This discussion focused on who was performing the screenings, what screening tools are being used, and where is this being reported?

- PI/Health Departments/Pediatricians - all using ASQ with some also incorporating ASQ SE
 - Problem with ASQ is that parents don't always answer questions truthfully, whether because of denial or lack of understanding
 - Absence of EC professional to observe child/walk through test in real time with parents has potential to prevent children from early identification and appropriate services
 - Strengths are that it is written at an 8th grade level and home visiting professionals really appreciate the opportunity to educate parents on developmental milestones while performing the screenings during visits
- CDC Milestones checklist
- Brigance (Sangamon County)

No one really knows where these are being reported unless it is to EI for children identified as being in need of services. One PI program was reporting up to Quincy Medical Group via mail. Problem here is that if a large portion of children aren't being screened prior to entry into Pre-K or K, these programs are flying blind in terms of need. Benefit to universal reporting would be access to data relative to macro level needs/strengths for schools/programs to use to inform programmatic, curricular, and staff needs. Council was unsure if ASQ would be the perfect or most useful tool for this and did not have any input on which agencies/organizations would be best suited to collect and aggregate the data.

Circle Back: N/A

4:01pm: Early Intervention

- Regional Early Intervention is coordinated out of ROE #1 offices in Quincy, serving the same geographic area as Birth to Five Illinois: Region 1.

- Trend data dips were attributed to COVID lock down and people not accessing preventive health services (potential for screenings) during this time.
- Could also be due to lack of staffing in the El Adams County offices - service coordinators are packed, serving 10 counties and overloaded.
- Numbers look low on Erickson Prenatal to Three Supplemental Report to the Risk and Reach - one council member wondered if this is because some folks didn't finish programs/reporting in 2020
- When there is a DT or ST referral, these therapists are totally maxed out on caseload. More referrals than diagnosis because of lack of screening and evaluation
- Without updated numbers, everyone is flying blind

Next Steps: Please continue to send us names/contact information for any and all agencies you identify through your work who are working with 0-3 families, especially those in priority populations (prisons, teen parents, crisis centers/nurseries) and those in the faith based communities

Circle Back: Find out more about Chaddock services (crisis?) in Adams County

4:15pm: Next Meeting Dates

- We will keep the 3:15-4:30 times in play for meetings on 2/14 and 2/28.
- Next topic will be Slot Gap

4:20pm: - Circle Back

- We talked about EHS and HS : IECAM does include separate color and data for that, but we were looking at the Asset Maps
- We are still trying to figure out funding in Mendon/Unity
 - Julie is unclear how they are funding. She says she can email Scott (Superintendent) right now and will find out and get that information to us as soon as he emails back.
- Crisis Services:
 - Sarah shares there is a CareNet Pregnancy center in W Quincy and believes there is something called Young Life in Quincy that has a teen mom group component to it.

4:25pm: Announcements/General Housekeeping

- Please send Release form to Regina Nichols and Head Shot if you have not already done so
- Google Drive Folder- if you are looking for resources, notes, PP, contact list, etc all in the folder
- Optional On-Demand Trainings: feel free to reach out about that, but these are also included in the shared folder
- PD Credits: Conscious Discipline is coming to Jville and we encourage you to attend and share any additional opportunities to be shared with our council.

4:29pm: - Meeting adjourned