



Meeting Minutes

Region 17 Action Council Meeting

Location: Office and Zoom

Date & Time: Tuesday, July 11, 1:00-2:30pm

Council Members present in person: Melissa Breeden

Council Members present online: Ashley Dowd, Kadi Juris, Krissy Conklen, Miranda Lin, Pam Womack, Lisa Hood

Council Members absent: Maureen Sollars, Sam Farris, Debra Honegger, Judy Englebrecht, Kathleen Lorenz, Kris Pennington, DaWayne Morris, Sarah Shields, Dawn Wickenhauser

1:15 Welcome/Icebreaker (5 minutes)

Facilitator(s): Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Mentioned that when the Regional Needs Assessment is launched, all members will be excited due to the kind of product that has been created because of their work during the last months.
 - Council members discussed what was the most exciting part of working on this Birth to Five project, the Regional Needs Assessment.
- Actions Council Members and Martha Saldana introduced themselves.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

1:35 Update on Regional Needs Assessment State-Wide Launch

Facilitator(s): Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Informed that launch is temporarily on hold:
 - The Department of Human Services wanted to ensure they are prepared for any questions that might arise from the report.
 - There is not a date for the launch yet, but it will be simultaneously throughout the state.
 - A meeting will take place tomorrow, where the launch date could be a topic of discussion.
- Informed that launch will include a webinar recorded, an e-blast, and an infographic. Announce that the webinar car will be posted on the region website and Facebook.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Waiting for the launch date.



2:00 Review of Summer Dissemination Plan

Facilitator(s): Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

- Events that are already happening we can attend:
 - Presented the Summer Dissemination spreadsheet google document.
- Emphasized that it should be necessary to reschedule for some, and feedback will be used for the addendum as will the quotes and comments sections.
- Council Connections:
 - Added new contacts and groups from the Council members to the new spreadsheet connect to them for the dissemination plan.
 - CW will ask the state team if it is the time to talk with the federal legislators or if they want us to wait at this point.

2:20 Council Forms Now OPEN

Facilitator: Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

- Informed that forms to join to the Action or Family Council are already out and will be close on August 3rd.
- Informed that we are looking for 6 to 8 Action Councils and 6 Family Councils outside of MacLean County and the profile we are looking for.

2:30 Questions and Concerns

Facilitator(s): Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

- Purpose of events like town hall meetings: to inform people of what was found during the Regional Needs Assessment and then listen for any gaps.
- Encourage members to let us know if they know somebody who is a parent with children under the age of 8 and preferably outside of McLean County due to the changes in the Councils.

2:40 Next Steps

- Waiting for release
- Council Connections

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Meeting on August 9, 2023, at 1:00pm