

# **NOTES**

Region 32 Action Council Meeting Location: KCC NEC Campus and Virtual Date & Time: July 31, 2023, 6:00-7:30pm

**Members Present:** Hailey Siegel, Kasira Potts, Teage Drinnon, Brenda Mohr, Danielle Norton, Sarah Gowler

**Members Absent:** Tahlia Guimond, Cheme Williams, Ami Kring, Natasha Ashford, Ali Denault, Jazmine Mancha, Alison Chandler, Amber Bramer, Ashley Chappell, Emily Rodriguez, Sarissa Johnson, Coen Clark, Laura Ziegle

## 6:00 Welcome, Permission to Record, Review Community Agreement

Permission was granted to record.

### 6:05 Ice Breaker

 Kennilyn asked the Council their favorite movie and how many times they'd seen it.

### 6:15 Updates

## **Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment**

- o Kennilyn shared our region's final Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment (RNA) with the Council from the website.
- Liz thanked the Council for all their hard work and how great it is to see the final project from the data and research collected over the past several months.
- o All Birth to Five Illinois region's RNAs were released today.

### Infographic & Webinar

- o Kennilyn shared the final Infographic with the Council and how to access it from our website.
- Kennilyn informed the Family Council that our team will be creating a feedback form to give to the community after reading the RNA.
  - A QR code will be created to access this feedback form.
- o 20 hard copies have been provided to each region.
- o The webinar has been recorded but will be released in the coming weeks.
  - A webinar talking script will be shared once the webinar is "officially" launched.

#### **AC/FC Interest Forms**

- Our Region is looking for two additional Action and Family Council members.
  - Looking for Hispanic representation on our Family Council.
  - Reached out to the YMCA and local Day Care for interest in Action Council.
  - Our Action Council lost a local Day Care Provider and our Riverside Hospital representation.
  - Kennilyn asked the Family Council if they knew of anyone who might be interested and to let us know.
  - Interest Forms will close on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

## World Café Training & Updates

- o Our Region had six Action Council members and one Family Council registered for this training.
- World Café provides collaborative conversation, intentional feedback, and collective wisdom on specific issues.
  - Some of the Birth to Five Illinois Regions will use this model as part of their Dissemination Plan.
    - Currently, our Region is planning to utilize Town Halls and Listening Sessions. We are utilizing the World Café questions in our Feedback Form.

#### Addendum

- Kennilyn reviewed the current "Sneak Peek" Feedback collected from the RNA previews.
  - The Addendum will allow us to assess "what" we missed and "who" we missed.
  - Current feedback from the "Sneak Peek" includes the need for overnight child care, "traveling" Sunshine Circles or Theraplay staff, need/support for the implementation of the IRIS system, parent education/classes, and transition meeting from day care to the public school system.
  - Addendum will be due in the coming weeks.

## 6:35 Summer Dissemination Plan

- Liz and Kennilyn reviewed our upcoming events and meetings with local stakeholders.
  - o Presenting at Kankakee County Leadership, Jump Start, Watseka School Board Meeting, Chamber Chat, Success by Six, Iroquois County Economic Development Board, Virtual Forums open to the public, Town Hall with Jim Rowe (possible Resource Fair), Iroquois Provider meeting, NAACP Town Hall, and local radio station interviews, etc.

- o Liz invited the Family Council members to join us at any of our meetings and share their perspectives.
  - The year two goal is to empower Family Voice.

## 6:41 Birth to Five Illinois and INCCRRA Staffapalozza

• Kennilyn informed the Family Council of our successful time in Bloomington during the Staffapalozza where we participated in team building and workshops. We had an excellent Keynote Speaker, Rachel Giannini.

## 6:50 Adjourn

Next Meeting: August 28, 2023

6:00 – 7:45 PM Virtual Only