



## Meeting Notes

### Region 17 Action Council Meeting

**Date & Time: Wednesday, April 19, 5:30-7:30pm**

Council Members present in person: Sam Farris, Debra Honegger

Council Members present online: Kadi Juris, Miranda Lin, Kathleen Lorenz, Maureen Sollars, Pam Womack

Council Members absent: Molly Allen, Melissa Breeden, Kim Burton-Wernecke, Krissy Conklen, Ashley Dowd, Judy Englebrecht, Lisa Hood, DaWayne Morris, Kris Pennington, Sarah Shields, Dawn Wickenhauser

#### **5:30 – 5:40 Welcome/Icebreaker (10 minutes)**

**Facilitator:** Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Welcomed everyone to the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, reviewed Community Agreements, and did an Icebreaker activity – favorite type of chocolate.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **5:40 - 5:50 Family Council & Social Media Updates (10 minutes)**

**Facilitators:** Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

Monica Reed, Regional Administrative Support

Notes:

- The Family Council met on Monday and discussed their views on the needs and strengths of our Region.
- New postings to Facebook are ongoing, recently shared a post about the grant awarded to ISU (Miranda Lin)!
- Monica will be leaving Birth to Five at the end of May. The position is posted on our Facebook page and the State's Facebook page as well as their website [www.birthtofiveillinois.com](http://www.birthtofiveillinois.com). Please share with anyone that may be interested.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/As

#### **5:50-6:00 Review of Scan (10 minutes)**

**Facilitator:** Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager



**Materials:** PowerPoint, Jamboard

Notes:

- Renamed to Regional Needs Assessment
- As of 4/19
  - Regional Demographics – locked
  - Priority Populations – embedded throughout.
  - Slot Gap – locked
  - Local Community Collaborations – 4/24 send out.
  - Early Childhood Education and Care Programs – 4/24 send out.
  - Workforce, Family/Caregiver – 4/28 send out.
- Over-arching themes Activity
  - List compiled from all of our work thus far.
  - Used dots to prioritize the top five strengths and needs.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **6:00–7:00 Develop Strengths/Needs Statements (60 minutes)**

**Facilitator:** Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

**Materials:** PowerPoint, Google Doc

Notes:

- We prioritized the needs of the Region and came up with the need statements.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **7:00-7:30 Consensus on Top 5 Regional Needs (10 minutes)**

**Facilitator:** Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Members not in attendance at this meeting will have the opportunity to give input on the chosen needs. Email Carol with any comments.
- The strengths statement did not get done. Please send any ideas on how these should be worded.
- Make recommendations next meeting. Will send an example.

**Next Meeting:** (last meeting)

Date: May 3, 2023

Time: 1:15-3:15pm