



Meeting Minutes

Region 1-B-D Cook North Action & Family Council Meeting

Location: Virtual

Date & Time: May 15th, 2023, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Action Council members present: Agnieszka Moroni, Bettye Cohns, Clare Giuffrida, Kate Warach, Amy Cocorikis, John Ranieri, Susan Cerza, Lisa Merdinger, Carrie Rafalski, Vikki Podlipni, Michele Ramsey, Tina Vanderwarker, Chris Tokarski, Kristen Ford, Olga Khamichonak

Family Council members present: Wendy Mamola, Julie Center, Najma Nishat, Nancy Salvador, Safiyyah Hassan, Arisbet Figueroa

Action Council members absent: Casche Knox, Cori Mohr, Edward Russell, Natalie Wood, Peter J. Smith

Family Council members absent: Charlotte Erickson, Molly Mejia, Sharmishtha Goel Lizz Merdinger, Betty Williams

3:00 pm: Welcome/ Review of Community Agreements/ Regional Updates (15 minutes)

Notes: Ilinca invited the Family and Action Council to share their summer theme song as an Icebreaker. Ilinca shared a few updates – the upcoming Council celebration in June, the next meeting for Action and Family Councils where we will discuss the dissemination plan of the Regional Needs Assessment, and Year 1 evaluation were emailed out to all council members.

Ilinca shared an interactive Google slide where council members will select their top needs and recommendations, they would like to highlight in the Regional Needs Assessment. Votes will be made by using red, blue, and yellow dots.

Icebreaker: “What is your summer theme song?”

- Discuss Dissemination Plan
- Discuss Summer Meeting Schedule (June, July, August)
- Share with everyone evaluation for Year 1

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



Facilitator(s): Ilinca Wallace

3:15 pm: Recommendations (51 minutes)

1. How can the regional Birth to Five Action and Family Councils support local collaboration efforts?
2. What are parent/family/caregiver preferences for Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) programs and services in your region?

*Share recommendation list created by Family Council and Top 5 submitted by Action Council**

Consensus Activity for final recommendations

Notes: Council members made their top 5 local and systems recommendations.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Facilitator: Ilinca Wallace

4:06 pm: 10-minute Break

4:16 Recommendations continued...(28 minutes)

Notes: Ilinca shared large system recommendations that were submitted by council members or discussed in the meetings. Ilinca reviewed the dot colors to make their selections.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

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4:44 pm: Regional Scan Review (11 minutes)

Review ECEC/Collaborations/ Workforce

Notes: Ilinca invited council members to review this portion of the Regional Needs Assessment. Council members were invited to review and make comments. All future sections will be in Google documents for council members to review.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



Facilitator: Ilinca Wallace

4:55 pm: Questions/Comments/Reflections (5 minutes)

Notes: N/A

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Next Meeting: Monday, June 5th, 3:00 pm- 5:00 pm