



MEETING NOTES

Region 53 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: 3/16/23, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Zoom

Council Members present on Zoom: Annette Gresham, Amy Sloan Grey, Michelle States, Phyllis Bliven, Sicily Cotelleso, Lynn Burgett, Doug Bury
Council Members not present: Kristen Davis, Shannon Pounds, Brenda Lee Smith
Carla Bagwell, Bridgette Clements, Donna Ashley

4:00 Welcome (20 min)

Notes:

- Surveys turned in-Thank you for sharing!
- Update on Family Council meetings
- Foster Parent Focus Group findings
- Presenting at Illinois Head Start Association Conference

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

4:20 Regional Scan Update/Where we are headed (20 min)

Notes:

- Demographics, slot gap, and community collaboration are drafted
- Final Regional Scan draft should be completed in May
- Consider if members are interested in remaining on Council for another year
- Action and Family Council interest Forms will go back up in the summer
- Recruiting for additional council members in the summer
- April 21 dinner for Councils at Avanti's in Pekin 6:00PM –8:00 PM

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Review Regional Scan when completed

4:40 Take a walk in her shoes share out (45 min)

Notes:

- Scenario: You are a single mom, you don't have any family/friends in the area, but you moved here for a job opportunity. You have to find childcare within a week, fall under 185% FPL, and have a 3-year-old and an infant. Your 3-year-old needs to go to preschool, but will need care before preschool start time and will need transportation from preschool to childcare where the infant is. You have



to find all these things: Preschool and childcare for 3-year-old, child care for infant, pediatrician for both children, navigate CCAP, and find activities to occupy and engage children.

- PowerPoint slides
- Discussion

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:25 Next Meeting (20 min)

Notes:

- Next meeting will be a Strengths and Needs
- Next meeting is April 11, 2023, 5:00-7:00 PM Zoom
- Council dinner April 21, 2023 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Avanti's in Pekin

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Next meeting is April 11, 2023, 5:00-7:00 PM

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Continue to review data and collect information for Regional Scan