



MEETING NOTES

Region 30 Action Council Virtual Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:30p—7:30p

Council Members present : Sheryl Houston, Tangela Oliver, Patty Davis, Tracie Griffith, Brittany Matthews, Lindsey Baskin, Kathy Swafford, Keeshia Carr, Cindy Rice, M Stalls, and Denise Henry

Council Members absent : Cheryl Graff, Debbie Bruns, Sheridan Johnson, Colleen McLaughlin, Dona Middleton, Sandy Snowden, Lashauna Cornelius, Van Ikner, and NaTasha Hubbard

5:30p Welcome & Introductions (15 minutes)

Notes: Zena welcomed everyone to our Action Council Meeting! Also introduced our new Member, Lindsey Baskin and asked everyone to briefly introduced themselves. Members interacted with each other and shared how their holiday festivities went.

5:45p Focused Conversation Review-Priority Populations (60 minutes)

Presenter: Zena Madison

Materials: Google Document from shared Region 30 Google Drive

Notes: Zena started the conversation by asking Members to participate in a poll and posed the following question: How many priority populations are in Region 30? Most Members voted "More than four." Zena showed a chart with different types of priority populations. Zena also conducted a group activity by presenting a whiteboard where everyone had to mention priority populations in each of their counties.

Action Council Members thoughts on priority populations:

- "It was hard to answer the poll because of how these populations could be categorized and perhaps could be broken down by need."—Teacher, Jackson County
- "Families with low caregiver education"—Connect for Success, Jackson County
- "Systemic racism, privileged children and how it affects their lives"—Community Member, Jackson County
- "ESL, low income, and minority groups"—Teacher, Jackson County



Zena asked for input regarding the chart. Zena mentioned that there isn't a lot of data to work with as a reminder. Zena asked Members to provide feedback and let us know which group of priority populations stands out in each of their counties. One council member shared that there are small changes pertaining to dealing with children in one county:

- “Du Quoin/Perry County has chosen to not throw candy to children during parades and they are a welcoming group. Also mentioned that there seems to be a trend from children who attend Jackson County elementary schools having difficulties in reading.”—Community Member, Jackson County

6:45p Break (15 minutes)

7:00p Training Available to Council Members (10 minutes)

Notes: Zena shared her screen to show everyone the Region 30 Google Drive and all the documents listed as resources as part of the work. Also showed links to various pre-recorded trainings available. She also mentioned that our Action Council will be meeting virtually in February and March and in April will go back to a hybrid setting. A survey will be sent in March to Members. Also shared with the group that we conducted our first Focus Group and will continue to work on those as well as working with the Family Council. Also asked everyone to think about everything we have talked about so far and to let Zena know if there are any questions that the Action Council could ask the Family council to get more insight. They came up with the following questions:

- What are the greatest frustrations trying to meet a child's needs?
- How would having quality, centrally located childcare facilities help families?
- Would having a “hub” for family resources, a place where families can physically go for any parenting needs be good for the Region?

A discussion about income guidelines was held and it was mentioned that CCAP income guidelines have increased to be able assist low to medium income families in our Region.

7.10p Closing

Zena thanked everyone for their time and efforts.

Next steps: Next virtual meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2023, 5:30p—7:30p.