



Meeting Minutes

Region 1-B-D Cook North Family Council Meeting

Location: Virtual or in person

Date & Time: June 21st, 2023, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Family Council members present: Sharmishtha Goel, Betty Williams

Family Council members absent: Arisbet Figueroa, Charlotte Erickson, Molly Mejia, Lizz Merdinger, Wendy Mamola, Julie Center, Najma Nishat, Safiyyah Hassan, Nancy Salvador

3:00 pm: Welcome/ Review of Community Agreements/ Regional Updates (20 minutes)

Notes: Irene welcomed Family Council. Checked in and shared community agreements.

Irene shared the meeting schedule for July and August and recruitment for Family Council and Action Council. Links for interest forms were shared in the PowerPoint presentation.

Ideas shared for community engagement: libraries, park district events, shelters or organizations such as Catholic Charities, community drop-ins, family-focused, churches, foster family event (Northfield), Community Backpack Program (meals for families on the weekend),

Irene shared successes and challenges in community engagement events.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Facilitator(s): Irene Di Minervino

3:20 pm: Update from the Action Council (10 minutes)

Notes: Ilinca shared that 17 of the 20 members of the Action Council will be returning.

The recruitment will be focused on: Business leaders, Faith Based Leaders, Mental Health Providers, Head Start/Early Head Start leaders, and elected officials.

Action Council will focus on the dissemination plan over the summer and meet 1 x in July and August. Year 2 will kick off in September.



Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Facilitator: Ilinca Wallace

3:30 pm: Regional Needs Assessment Overview (25 minutes)

Review key points in each section of the Regional Needs Assessment

Discuss the goal for the summer to reach more voices

Notes: Irene reviewed an outline of the entire Regional Needs Assessment with the FC.

She elaborated on each section covered and shared the creation of the infographic and executive summary. Regional Needs Assessment will be released in the next couple of weeks.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Facilitator: Irene Di Minervino

3:55 Dissemination Plan (50 minutes)

Discuss the purpose/goal of the Dissemination Plan

1. Who do we need to connect with and share the Regional Needs Assessment?
2. What groups are not represented, and who do we need to connect with?
3. What upcoming community events/meetings can Region 1-B-D be part of this summer?

Notes: Irene invited FC to be part of the dissemination for the summer. She elevated the power of FC or AC members sharing their work with the community.

Brainstormed some ideas for connections with community organizations.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Facilitator: Irene Di Minervino

4:45 pm: Questions/Comments/Reflections (15 minutes)



Notes: Irene asked, "What are some training you would have liked as a new family council member?" Irene invited FC to share ideas for training or topics they'd like to explore.

Ideas shared: common acronyms used – review again and place in shared google drive folder.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Next Meeting: Monday, July 31, 2023 3:00-5:00pm

Location: Virtual or in-person