



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 1 Action Council Meeting

Location: ZOOM meeting

Date & Time: October 10, 2023 3:00pm – 4:15pm

Council Members present: Katie Janssen, Tina Combs, Carol Harlow, Shanna Edison, Cassie Delaney, Amy Davis, Andrea Akers, Sarah Farha

#### **3:02pm: Meeting begins with welcome, community agreements, and icebreaker activity:**

Overview of agenda and notice of technical access concerns with Jamboard, which will be used extensively in coming months to gather/record input from Council members and build consensus on recommendations. If you are having difficulty, please voice your input and Region 1 staff will get it recorded on Jamboard.

#### **3:15 pm: Review of Recommendations Survey.**

1st priority in terms of recommendations:

- The group had an overwhelming priority of improving outreach to families and awareness of available services in rural areas.
- This is both action and family council.
- This will likely be our first overarching priority - we will choose specific ways to achieve this as a group.

Second priority is increased Birth to Three services. The ways in which these goals might overlap will start to come to light as we work through the SMART goal process.

Third priority is to increase access to quality screenings. While this may not become an overarching goal within the Action Plan, it may be possible to fold this into our other goals and still meet this recommendation as a secondary effort.

#### **3:18 pm: Recommendation #1**

Recommendation #1 was voted by the group-improve outreach and awareness of existing programs throughout the Region. This has five potential working goals from the Regional Needs Assessment.

- Establish more ECEC Collaboration throughout the Region.

- Develop more networking opportunities for ECEC professionals.
- Implement more integrated referral systems.
- Create listing or database of resources by county.
- Engage private/business sector in ECEC development/collabs.

Consensus Building Activity: using Jamboard, everyone is asked to create sticky notes with numbers and drag them under the ones you view as priority number 1 and priority number 2. [Consensus Building Activity](#).

Discussion: Current status of Regional collaborations.

- Adams County - one official collaboration in Region 1 and Adams County: the All our Kids (AOK) under administration of the Adams County Health Department, which also coordinates the Region's only integrated referral system (IRIS).
- Brown County - has an Early Childhood Collaboration that has been successfully operating for several years, but submitted a formal application TODAY.
- Cass County- not much going on but very hopeful we can start something with Health Dept, WCCC, PACT, CCRR because of relationships happening (potential subcommittee of Cass Co. Health Department interagency).
- Morgan County- there are a couple of groups operating but haven't approached any of them so we wanted to wait for council feedback before next steps.
- Pike County - has an interagency group that meets every other month- PACT, Western School Dist, etc are part of the group. We will be going and hearing more from them but the framework is there for jumping off.
- Scott County - we have spent the last week reaching out to anyone in the business, education, or elected official sectors who may be interested in hearing more about the benefits of collaborations. Goal is to hold an informational meeting in November for interested parties.

### **3:35: SMART Goal Discussion**

Goal: Support the formation of three new collaborations or subcommittees of current working groups in Region 1 that are specific to ECEC systems by June 30, 2024.

Goal action planning activity: The goal was entered into Jamboard for feedback about who will be responsible? What steps must be taken? How will we know when the goal is achieved? How long does you think this will take? [Goal Planning Activity](#)

In a subsequent discussion relative to Council members who were present discussed their service delivery areas and where they might be best positioned to support collaboration work. Each present member self identified the counties they serve and would be willing to attend collaboration meetings/efforts.

**3:50pm: Upcoming Meetings** -October 24 is the next meeting - Regina Nicholds will be emailing a schedule of meetings for the entire year.

### **3:55pm: Announcements**

- El Town Hall Meetings will be 11.9.23.
- Council Resources:

- Media Release Form.
- Google Drive Folder.
- Optional On-Demand Trainings.

**4:00pm: Meeting Ends.**