



MEETING NOTES

Region 1-B-B Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, August 24th, 2023

Council members present: Shannon Ellison, Ana Guevara, Kanella Mainitis, Emily Norman, Vivian Palicki, Precious Porras, Linda Rios, Diane Achoenheider, Kathy Slattery, Sarah Weston.

Council members absent: Rosalind Banks, Tiffany Lewis, Holly McCarthy, Jennifer Wisegarver

3:10 Welcome & Icebreaker (10 minutes)

Notes:-Welcome and greetings of members

-Icebreaker: Council members shared the “highlights” of their summers.

3:15 Birth to Five Illinois Organization Updates (10 Minutes)

3:25: Region 1-B-B Council Status Updates (10 Minutes)

Notes: -Action Council is losing 2 members and Family Council is losing 1 member.

-Interest forms for new members closed 8/20.

-There is a review process facilitated by Birth to Five Staff from another region.

They will make council selections based on demographic information, sector, and representation currently on the respective councils.

“New” year of council work will start in September, and will include some “joint” meetings between councils, which will act as “working groups” as we collaborate on phase 2 of our work.

3:35: Congratulations on the finished product of the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment! (20 Minutes)

Notes: -Extension of gratitude and celebration of the finished product

-Links shared to documents:

- *Infographic
- *Executive Summary
- *Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment

-Announcement that the Spanish version of the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment is coming soon, and that the executive summary is available



in Polish. Requests for other languages should be directed to the Regional Council Manager.

-Council was invited to share reactions to final document.

4:00: Dissemination of the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment (20 Minutes)

Notes: - The goal is/was to get the report in front of as many people as possible with two main goals:

- Explain the report, findings, and process used to create the report in the Region.
- Gather feedback on the report, including what/who was missed.

-Landscape of Dissemination efforts on behalf of the Region 1-B-B team was shared. This included:

- List of Organizations/Entities that the team met with
- Geographical Information about where the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment was shared.

-Media Coverage: The article done by the Wednesday Journal on Birth to Five and the work completed in our Region over the last year was shared and discussed.

4:20: Highlights Discussion (10 minutes)

Notes: -General highlights were shared around Demographics, Community Collabs, the ECEC Landscape and Workforce, and Recommendations.

-Feedback we received on the highlights was shared with council members.

-Information was shared about how the community is already starting to put recommendations in action for Community Collaborations, Workforce, and Data.

4:30: Looking Ahead (20 minutes)

Notes: -Review of Deliverables for the rest of the 2023 year and into 2024 including:

- Regional Action Councils will continue to meet and aim to be composed of regional community members including members coming from outside of the ECEC sector to build the capacity of ECEC advocacy across the region.
- Regional Family Councils will continue to meet and aim to be composed of regional community members who provide care for a child under eight years old. The targeted composition will seek to include representation from the State's identified "priority populations".



- Each region's Council(s) will produce an **update** to the in-depth qualitative and quantitative ECEC **Regional Scan** completed in FY23 to include information adjacent to ECEC (e.g., health, mental health) and central to whole child development and family support as identified by the community during the first year. This will be called the **addendum**.
- Regional Staff and Councils will support the community in developing an **Implementation (Action) Plan** based on the recommendations identified in the Regional Scan, including supporting access to funding (both state and local) for additional ECEC programs and services.

4:50 Wrap Up

Notes: -Questions

-Final Thoughts

-Next Meeting Poll (To be shared once council selections are completed)

5:00 Meeting Adjourned