



## Meeting Minutes

### Region 17 Action Council Meeting

**Location: In-person or Zoom**

**Date & Time: Wednesday, August 9, 1:00-2:30pm**

Council Members present in person: Melissa Breeden, Molly Allen, and Debra Honegger  
Council Members present online: Ashley Dowd, Kadi Juris, and Miranda Lin  
Council Members absent: Krissy Conklen, Judy Englebrecht, Sam Farris, Lisa Hood, Kathleen Lorenz, DaWayne Morris, Kris Pennington, Sarah Shields, Maureen Sollars, Dawn Wickenhauser, and Pam Womack.

#### **1:00 Welcome & Checking in**

Facilitator(s): Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

- RCM asked for thoughts about the report:
  - Surprised about the number of vacancies or spots compared with the number of kids who do not serve.
  - Will share with the administrators since it confirms what they know.
- WGLT interview done with Action Council member and RCM on 8/1. [LINK](#)
- Presentations scheduled for the Regional Needs Assessment: Livingston County Special Services in Flanagan on 8/9, Pontiac School Board meeting in Pontiac on 8/10, McLean County Family Child Care Association on 9/12, Bloomington City Council on 9/18, and ROE to Curriculum Directors on 10/2.
- Asked members to provide feedback after reading the report or listening to the interview.
- Thanked members as well as the staff for their efforts in getting the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment completed.

#### **1:10 Family Council Update**

Facilitator(s): Becky Thacker, Family and Community Engagement

- Informed that at the Family Council meeting on 8/15 members will give their thoughts about RNA and how they relate to it.

#### **1:20 Sharing of the Infographic, Exec Summary, RNA**

Facilitator(s): Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

- Showed the Exec Summary all recommendations and needs.



- Mentioned that launch was a success aside from a small detail in the Facebook link.

#### **1:45 Dissemination Plan Update**

Facilitator(s): Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

- Informed that in speaking with Livingston County Special Services Unit participants were receptive, and they confirmed both the information and the recommendations from the report.
- Informed that RAS has a contact at the Pantagraph. Hopefully an interview sometime next week.
- Encouraged members to share RNA with any personal or professional contacts they have.
- Asked members to look for identifiable gaps:
  - Technology – even if it was not mentioned in the report, it exists.
  - Children in the DCFS system
  - Religious sector
  - Mental Health
- Staff pulled up the dissemination plan and discussed dissemination meetings being worked on, including home providers in Logan, Livingston, and DeWitt Counties; town councils in other smaller towns.
- Announced that there will be a training for staff about Action Plan and Council members will be informed when the information becomes available.

#### **2:00 Council Recruitment**

Facilitator(s): Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

- Shared gaps in both Councils and encouraged members to identify people who might fill the gaps. Asked Council to have individuals email staff.
- Council Interest Forms close on Aug 20 at 11:59PM. This is a firm date.
- Members provided cell phone numbers for the database in Airtable.

#### **2:20 Next Meeting Dates**

- Meeting dates for meetings beginning in October will be decided at the September meeting so that all new Council members added will have a say in the process.

Next meeting: September 20, 1:00-3:00pm, Front Street Office/Zoom