



MEETING NOTES

Region 19 Action Council Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date & Time: August 22, 2023; 2:00 to 4:00 pm

2:00 pm: Welcome (15 minutes)

Notes:

- Collab updates
 - Birth to Five Illinois funded 2 different grants this FY
 - \$3.2 million to local Early Childhood Collaborations
 - 24 existing collabs and 9 new collabs (three of them in DuPage County)
 - Glenbard Early Childhood Collaborative
 - Willowbrook Corner Coalition
 - Villa Park Area Early Childhood Collaborative

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

2:15pm Regional Needs Assessment Updates and Work Plan (40 minutes)

Notes:

- Regional Needs Assessment is live on our regional website
 - <https://www.birthtofiveil.com/region19/#report>
- Recorded webinar will be posted on YouTube soon.
- Various RNA presentations have taken place already.
 - If you are interested in an RNA presentation, please reach out to Valerie.
- Presentations with Elected officials
 - Met with Rep. Stava-Murray
 - She asked for a specific proposal, if any council member is interested in assisting in writing a proposal/ bill please reach out to Valerie.
 - Conversation regarding equity and diversity along with capital expenditures and operations expenditures.
 - Many centers have difficulties with operations expenditures, it becomes financially unsustainable.
 - Any connections with other elected officials are appreciated.
- Feedback surveys and addendums will be coming soon.



- Virtual Town Hall
 - English- August 29th at 6:30pm
 - Registration: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUf-2gpzsiEt3Ygv0DKViqXLjTA-UoaUBP#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUf-2gpzsiEt3Ygv0DKViqXLjTA-UoaUBP#/registration)
 - Spanish- August 31st at 6:30pm
 - Registration: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApd-GgpjMqGNMfgXeqizbT8FStMY4cNuid#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApd-GgpjMqGNMfgXeqizbT8FStMY4cNuid#/registration)
- Conversations regarding DCFS regulations and licensing for child care centers.
 - Timeline of licensure
 - Regulations setting barriers for centers
- Council Updates
 - The selection committee will be reviewing interest forms this upcoming week
 - In September we will be onboarding new council members
- AOK planning on hosting an early childhood summit/ retreat where many organizations will come together and talk about Birth to Five Illinois Regional Needs Assessment and AOK Parent Survey.
 - During this time they will look at root causes and come up with solutions.
- Workgroups will be happening later this year.
 - Once new members onboard, we will merge our Family and Action Councils into workgroups. These groups will meet separately to brainstorm solutions/tasks and bring forward the ideas to our Councils.
 - Further information is coming soon.
- Statewide RNA Results
 - Optimizing workforce, expansion, and streamlining services coordination and awareness are the top statewide issues/ barriers.
 - Official Statewide report is coming soon.
- Recommendation
 - Consumer education that empowers families
 - Based on this recommendation, the WeGo Together Collaboration is using some of its funding for a resource fair and navigating the transportation issue to get families to their event.
 - Villa Park Early Childhood Collaborative
 - They are hiring a consultant to assist with the connection of pediatricians in the community.



- In November Birth to Five Illinois will be attending the Illinois State Conference hosted by Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

2:55pm: Healthcare Inequities (25 minutes)

Notes:

- Vaccines for Children
 - Federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children.
 - Pharmacists may participate in this program, but they are not allowed to vaccinate children who are under the age of three.
- Conversation around a specific healthcare provider no longer accepting new Medicaid patients and no longer participating in Vaccines for Children.
- A Parent shared her personal story about healthcare disparities.
 - The importance of having the opportunity to build trust between a provider and patient. Including a dental provider.
 - Consistency is needed.
 - Larger impact because it impacts their trust in the whole system.
 - Equity and access

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps:

- Clarification on specific healthcare provider no longer accepting new Medicaid patients.

3:20 pm: Next Steps (10 minutes)

Notes:

- Possible opportunity for childcare expansion in West Chicago.
 - Looking for data that will support the need for the expansion.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A