



MEETING NOTES

Region 1-B-C Action Council Meeting

Location: Zoom Meeting

Date & Time: August 23, 2023, 2:30-4:30 PM

Council Members present: Janice Martin, Adelica Brienzo, Rochelle Golliday, Gretchen Bailey, Felicia McBride, Leatha Asbury, Michelle Zurita-Sharpe
Council Members absent: Kelly Burke

2:30 PM: Welcomes/Icebreaker (10 mins)

What are three positives from your day, week, or even year?

Notes:

- Action Council members and the Region 1-B-C Team discussed three positives from day, week, and year.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment

2:40 PM: Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment (5 mins)

Listening Sessions

Notes:

The Region 1-B-C Team discussed the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment Listening Sessions with the Action Council, and below are some of the topics discussed:

- Working draft of addendum due 08/31
- Final draft of addendum due 10/01
- Feedback Survey
- The next listening session will be on September 6 and 12.
- We have had five sessions so far with TANF, IAFC, an Early Childhood Mental Health Professional, Partnership 4 Resilience, and Moraine Valley College-EC staff. A total of about 25 participants. It is still a very low number, and we need our council's help to share the word.

Decisions made: Send Council Members RNA RSVP Link for listening sessions and feedback survey.

Next Steps: Action/Family Council Recruitment

2:45 PM: Action/Family Council Recruitment (5 mins)



Notes:

- The Region 1-B-C Team let the Action Council know that the Council submissions are closed, and we will know at the end of this month who will be joining our Council starting in September.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Community Outreach

2:50 PM: Community Outreach (10 mins)

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Notes:

Region 1-B-C shares outreach from this summer:

- We have met with many families in the community during community outreach.
- We attended Alderwoman Monet Wilson's Back to School Bash, YEDA Back to School Festival, Respond Now Back to School Fair, Morning Meetup at Richton Park Library, Easterseals-Early Learning Conference, School District 104 Back to School Fair, Partnership 4 Resilience Movies in the Park.

Upcoming events/meetings:

- The Region 1-B-C Team will meet with Star Net VI, Arab American Family Services, Youth Child Wellness Council, Congresswoman Robin Kelly Back to School Health and Wellness Community Resource Fair, CLASS, Moraine Valley Resource Fair, and NAMI Pathways to Hope Conference.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: WINS/Challenges

3:00 PM: WINS/Challenges (15 mins)

Notes:

Region 1-B-C shares with the Council Members some areas of opportunities and some WINS from this summer.

Some areas of opportunity:

- Early Intervention, Foster Care (DCFS involvement), Faith-Based organizations, families/caregivers, media, economic development centers, community businesses, and elected officials.
- We always want to ensure we amplify the family and community voice.
- Community Engagement- We are going in the right direction to get more community involvement.
- Some challenges are school districts and elected officials. We are asking council members for any connections they may have.



Decisions made: Continue to engage with Council Members on how to work on opportunities.

Next Steps: Year 2

3:15 PM: Next Steps (15 mins)

Notes:

Region 1-B-C discussed with the Action Council what Year 2 looks like for Birth to Five Illinois.

- Work to develop an Action Plan based on 2-3 recommendations.
- Continued community engagement to gather input for the action plan.
- Expand analysis into new areas of family support.
- Keep growing partnerships within the Region to support our mission.
- With Year 2, all the Birth to Five IL Regions are on the same playing field and moving at the same pace.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps:

- A Poll will be sent to choose the September meeting date.
- Welcome new Council Members.
- Overview/Orientation Meeting-will set meeting dates for the next 6 months.
- Meeting structure changes.
- All Action Council Members must attend the first September meeting to be on the same page and move forward for another successful year.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

Next Meeting TBD