



Action Council Meeting

Date: Monday, October 9, 2023

Attendees

Bettye Cohns, Lisa Merdinger, Agnieszka Moroni, Amy Cocorikis, Chris Tokarski, Clare Giuffrida, Katie Kretzmann, Maureen Hallagan, Nancy Salvador, Wendy Mamola, Susan Cerza, Tina Vanderwarker, Vikki Podlipni

Agenda

1. Icebreaker & Group agreements
Ilinca invited council members to share their Favorite fall activity
2. Action Plan Review
Reviewed action plan. Shared that the Spanish version of the executive summary report is on our website.
3. CQI: Smart Goals
 - Discussed:
 - plan for full council meetings and workgroups
 - selecting workgroups based on desired recommendation
 - action plan document to be used in workgroups
 - Explained SMART goals, what they stand for, the purpose, and the importance of goals being narrow and region specific.
 - Encouraged council members to suggest speakers to share their expertise in a particular topic being discussed.
4. Review of recommendations chosen by Councils
Ilinca shared that two recommendations were selected by council members for the workgroups. Recommendation two is a merger of two recommendations based on council member suggestions and votes. Ilinca answered questions related to developing of outcomes and the approach in creating SMART goals.



- a. **Workgroup 1 Recommendation:** Build partnerships with health care providers such as developmental/mental health providers and local pediatricians. Increase access to early screening and resource sharing.
 - b. **Workgroup 2 Recommendation:** Create a path for information sharing with families and help families make connections to community resources, such as:
 - A comprehensive list of educational options for families.
 - A family and primary care friendly resource list of referrals that includes Early Intervention opportunities and locations.
 - Family and educator information events to build community, trust, and value of ECEC as well as parent/caregiver input.
 - Linking Child care homes, centers, and families with intervention services in the community.
 - Linking families with educational videos and resources on developmental activities.
5. Workgroup selection and review of meeting schedule
 - Shared how workgroup times were selected
 - Reminded council members that meetings can be hybrid, in-person, or virtual
 - Discussed meeting schedule
 - Reviewed access to Google Drive
 - Invited council members to sign-up for the workgroups live during the meeting
 6. Review of Smart Start Illinois
 - Ilinca shared an overview of Smart Start Illinois, and shared resources (webinar, smart start website and the transition grants)
 - Ilinca asked if anyone had questions, wonderings, or reactions about Smart Start.
 7. Questions/Comments

Ilinca answered questions about where we go from here and next steps for upcoming meetings.

Before next meeting...

To please review the Smart Goals Handout and reach out with any questions regarding workgroup meetings.