



MEETING NOTES

Region 21 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: Monday, August 14th, 1:00-2:00pm

Council Members present: Pamela Thrash (Parent Education for Southern Region Early Childhood Programs), Missy Brown (Child Care Resource and Referral Director), Jennifer Parks (Southern Seven Health Department/Head Start Early Childhood Administrator), Lee Eklund (Malone's Early Learning Center Executive Director), Terance Henry (City of Marion IT Director), Lisa Drury (Regional Office of Education #21) and Candy Lewis (Yellow Brick Road Owner).

Council Members absent: Phillip Hosfeldt (Dean of System Programs/Johnson County Early Childhood Coordinator), Edrica McDowell (Community Services Manager at Centerstone), Barbara Timmons (Owner and CEO at Miz BJ's Hair Haven), Patsy Jensen (Shawnee Health Services Executive Director), Barbara Green (Family Child Care Owner), and Kathy Keel (Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Coordinator for Williamson County Education Services).

1:00-1:10: Welcome/Icebreaker (10 minutes)

Notes:

- "This or That" Icebreaker

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

1:10-1:25: Family Council/Community Engagement Update (10 minutes)

Notes:

- Family Council members have been assisting in dissemination sessions, council recruitment and community events.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Continue help with Dissemination sessions, council recruitment and community events.

1:25-1:50: Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment Update (30 minutes)

Notes:

- July 31st was GO TIME for dissemination sessions.
- Past and future Dissemination Sessions were shared with the Action Council.



- Action Council members were tasked with connecting Birth to Five: Region 21 to targeted groups of new voices for dissemination sessions.
- Shared a graph comparing all the needs and recommendations for the state.
- World Café Model for dissemination sessions.
- Share feedback collected to date that is housed in the Addendum.
- Addendum to be turned in to State Team 9-15

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Action Council members are assisting with connecting to groups for dissemination sessions.

1:50-2:10: Council Interest Form Update (10 minutes)

Notes:

- The one-year Action Council members were thanked for their service.
- Up to 20 can be on Action Council with 10 more submitted. 11 are returning.
- Up to 18 can be on Family Council with 11 more submitted. 9 are returning.
- RCM went over the roles/sectors needed for both councils.
- New council members will receive orientation.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Interest forms submissions close on August 20th.

2:10-2:30: Next Steps/Questions- (5 minutes)

Notes:

- RCM covered the Addendum and how feedback is going to be collected and added.
- Question posed by Council Member on targeted family groups.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Continue help with Dissemination sessions, council recruitment and community events.
- Action Council members are assisting with connecting to groups for dissemination sessions.

Next Meeting:

Date: September 11th, 2023

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Location: Birth to Five Illinois Office, 418 Court Street, Vienna, IL 62995