



## Action Council New Member Meeting

Date: September 27, 2023

### Attendees

Council members present: Nykisha Barefield, Nancy Beal, Genny Haggard, Casheema Omowabi, Michelle Polivka, Christine Sparks, Wendy Walker, Melissa Vargas

Council members absent: Devan Gagliardo, Jessica Kubiak, Ann Marie Kuta, Glenda Love, Jami Mast, Cory Mehnert,

### Agenda

#### 1. Group Agreements:

- Council members reviewed the Community Agreements to ensure they are still in line with the group's vision and opened the floor to new Council Members to add any agreements to the current list.

#### 2. Addendum Highlights:

- Through the dissemination of the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment, we discovered there are six Early Childhood licensed exempt programs in Grundy County that are not in any data systems to date.
- A local church hosts a preschool program that has been educating children for 54 years!

#### 3. CQI and SMART GOALS walk through:

- Council members were given in-depth training on the framework CQI and how to write SMART Goals to complete the Action Plan successfully and efficiently.

#### 4. CQI Break out room activity:

- Council members were tasked with creating a plan to bridge gaps in Child care slots in Grundy County.
- After the activity Council members were asked to share their experiences creating the plan and any barriers that were present during the planning process, this allowed the Council to experience what creating the Action Plan would look like as we work through each Recommendation.

#### 5. Action Plan Details:



- The council was given in-depth details on the Action Plan timeline and the considerations that should be anticipated while completing each recommendation.

#### **6. Review of recommendations chose by Councils:**

- Council members were shown the Recommendations from the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment. The Council members voted on Recommendations to determine which two will be focused on Regionally.

#### **Before next meeting...**

The Regional team will schedule all Council meeting invitations and send to each Council member.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday October 11th at 11:00am