



Action & Family Council Workgroup Meeting

Recommendation #1

Support regional efforts to create a comprehensive and readily available online resource directory and referral platform. Explore alternative mechanisms to better connect families with resources, such as family navigators or a mobile resource bus.

Date: October 12, 2023

Time: 6p to 7:30p

Attendees

Council members present: Lori Longueville, Patty Davis, Barbara McElmurray, Denasha Oliver, Amanda Sullivan, and Sarah Inboden

Agenda

1. Group agreements were read and reviewed by Linda who asked Members if anyone had any questions or comments. No comments were mentioned.

Zena proceeded to welcome everyone to today's meeting and introduced everyone to our new Family Council Member— Barbara McElmurray. We are thankful and excited to have her be a part of our Region's Family Council representation.

2. Action Plan: Zena mentioned that after brainstorming today, we will be coming up with an Action Plan that will lead us into working through our Recommendation #1.
3. SMART—Zena shared her screen and shared a Smart Goals video for everyone to watch which mentioned steps to consider which include making the goals specific, measurable, actionable, realistic, and timely.
4. Icebreaker: Linda asked everyone to share their favorite childhood book. Everyone shared their favorite book from childhood or a parent/caregiver perspective.
5. Review of recommendations chosen by Councils

Workgroup 1 Recommendation:



Why was this recommendation made? There are concerns about getting parents the information they need, there are many resource directories but the information changes often. Access and accuracy of information to be readily available to community members. Some data is only updated once a year and a lot can change in a year. Also, there are no mechanisms to track data when there are no services available.

The following smart goals have been proposed:

#1 Who is already working on some of these things in the Region. What can we do to help the process, how can we support it?

Healthy Southern Illinois Delta Network (HSIDN) and SIFFC (Regional Manager).

What steps must be taken to meet the goal?

Attend meetings, and provide Action Council's input (parents in our region are looking for this).

How will you know when the goal is achieved?

When one of the platforms has been confirmed and accepted by entities involved: UNITE US and FIND HELP.

#2 Knowing what is available now? Make connections with people working on this? SI Families has a resource directory now, SIU Head Start, Illinois Cares for Kids, 211, etc. Putting current resources in people's hands.

Who is responsible for leading?

Region 30 Administrative Report will inventory resource sites, resource directories, etc.

Family and Community Engagement Specialist will inventory Mental Health directories.

What steps must be taken to meet the goal?

Region 30 will distribute those resources via newsletters, Facebook, council members, website, etc.

How will you know when the goal is achieved?

When information is sent out.

#3 Making sure information is updated and/or accurate, online presence, quarterly updates? etc.



Who is responsible for leading? Region 30 Administrative Support.

What steps must be taken to meet the goal? Revisiting, quarterly updates.

#4 Encourage everyone to sign on and be intentional by including active partners, ex: school leaders, child care providers, food pantries, health departments, etc.

Who is responsible for leading?

Action Council members, Family Council members, Region 30 Team, Resource center

1. **What are the anticipated risks/barriers to meeting goals?** Internet access, rural communities may want printed copies, funding sources, sustainability, people using the platform, and/or resources.
2. **What are some proposed solutions to the anticipated risks/barriers to meeting goals?** Creating an Outreach Plan to share information (Develop a phone tree) with Schools, Social Workers, Early Childcare Providers, Health Departments, Mayor groups, ROE, and WIC nurses, (key people in different places who are connecting families).
3. **What organizations/agencies are needed at the table to meet goals and implement the recommendation?**

Local Organizations/Agencies	Specific Asks/Role
Healthy Southern Illinois Delta Network (HSIDN)	Share information on the process and give updates
Southern Illinois Coalition for Children and Families	
Continuity Continuum of Care	
State Organizations/Agencies	Specific Asks/Role

4. **What individuals are needed at the table to meet goals and implement the recommendation?** (Individuals)

Local Individuals	Specific Asks/Role
Van Ikner	Community Member
Chastity Mays	NAACP
Denise Henry	StarNet
State Individuals	Specific Asks/Role

Before the next meeting...

- Share any information with us that may be useful as part of setting up goals for this recommendation.