



[Region 47 Action Council & STARS Meeting](#)

Date & Time: October 10, 2023, 9:00am.

[Attendees.](#)

Council members present: Nicole Bleuer, Rachael DeSpain, Maggie Fern, Lois Meisenheimer, Linda LeBlanc-Parks, Krista Peterson, Teresa Strum, Daniel Swihart, Alison Vrana.

STARS members present: Grace Heimerdinger-Baake, Shari Eddinger, Aimee Howard, Jennifer Kutz, Kelli Parsons, Michelle Pauley, Danielle Reed, Lynne Riley.

[Agenda.](#)

1. Welcome, Updates & Celebrations

Notes: Kris Nobel with the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce Child Care Taskforce was recognized for hosting a successful Town Hall with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (INCCRRA).

2. SMART Goals.

Notes: Selected recommendations for Action Plans were reviewed. SMART goals questions to focus on were listed and the next steps were discussed. Members worked in breakout groups to discuss potential guest speakers and needed data.

3. Current Regional Work Update: Regional Office of Education 47 Early Childhood Plan Presentation.

Guest Speaker: Krista Peterson.

4. Reports and Committee Updates.

Notes: Lois and STARS committee members reported on the progress of committees, Early Childhood updates, and events happening in the Region. STARS Committees reports included:

- a. Early Childhood Workforce Committee.
- b. Family Education & Engagement Committee.
- c. IRIS/Coordinated Intake Committee.
- d. Home Visiting Committee.
- e. Child Care Task Force.

Next Action Council Workgroup Meeting:

Date: October 24th, 2023.

Time: 1:30pm.



Next Action Council & STARS Meeting:

Date: November 14th, 2023.

Time: 9:00am.