



MEETING NOTES

Region 47 Action Council & STARS Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date & Time: August 8, 2023, 9:00am-10:30am

Council Members present: Andrea Cossey, Maggie Fern, Kim Krump, Lisa Lilja, Lois Meisenheimer, Beth Smaka, Monica Wolfley

Council Members absent: Rachael DeSpain, Anji Garza, Diana Merdian, Kris Noble, Diane Lynn Ott, Krista Peterson, Beth Smaka

Sauk Valley STARS present: Grace Heimerdinger-Baake, Aimme Howard, Mimi Hicks, Jennifer Kurtz

9:00 Welcome, Updates, and Celebrations (10 minutes)

Notes: Abby welcomed Action Council and STARS members. The beginning of the meeting started with Early Childhood community celebrations and the goals between Sauk Valley STARS and Birth to Five Illinois: Region 47 were highlights. Abby discussed a "year two roadmap" that included where we are currently and what else we are working to accomplish in the second year.

9:10 Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment (20 minutes)

Notes: Abby gave a brief presentation on the released Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment and how the report can be accessed.

9:30 Community Listening Sessions and Council Recruitment (10 minutes)

Notes: Abby reminded the group of the upcoming Community Listening Sessions and asked members to share it with their networks. An update on the dissemination of the report was given along with a discussion of any groups missing. Abby and Stephanie also discussed Action and Family Council recruitment and again asked for help sharing resources.



Next steps: Abby will follow up with the Council members who volunteered to participate in the Community Listening Sessions; members will receive the finalized agenda and panel discussion questions.

9:40 STARS Reports and Committee Updates (30 Minutes)

Notes: Lois and STARS committee members reported on committee progress and Early Childhood updates and events happening in the Region.

10:10 Members Roundtable Report Out (20 Minutes)

Notes: STARS and Action Council members participated in a roundtable discussion of any updates or needs for their organization.

Next Meeting:

Date: September 12th, 2023

Time: 9:00am-10:30am