



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 48 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: August 8, 2023, 9:30am – 11:30am

Council Members present: Erin Stout, Kimberly Cary, Kelly Gibler, Shannon Dault, Jenna Wiesner, Katie Cobb, Angela Green, Andrianna Smyrniotis

#### **Welcome, Community Agreements**

Notes: Kari welcomed the Council members and reviewed the Community Agreements. No changes were made.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **Updates**

Notes: Kari reminded the Council that we are recruiting for Action Council and Family Council, and what representation each Council needs.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment Review and Feedback Collection**

Notes: Kari asked the Council to submit a word into a word cloud about their feelings on the Regional Needs Assessment being released. Words submitted: Excited, exciting, informational, hopeful, optimistic, eager, included, interested, successful. Kari then provided background about the RNA release and information about three town halls scheduled at the end of August.

Next, Kari discussed feedback and creating an addendum. She asked what would be important to include in it: Is anything missing? Is there anyone else we need to talk to? Is more current data available? One member noted that the Cradle to Career Initiative in Peoria may be good to include.

Kari provided a digital view of the RNA and led the discussion on each section.

Collaborations: A member questioned why the LIC wasn't included, and Kari responded that the group does not meet the criteria for a formal collaboration.

ECEC Programs: Head Start is moving its program from Trewyn to the Bus Center and will be more center-based. Family Connects could probably be considered



intervention due to the funding source and that the home visit is limited to only one visit.

Workforce: ECACE has struggled to expend its funding, so they have expanded their scholarship opportunities to anyone who has ever worked in ECEC, including cooks and aides, etc. They are trying to widen the net, but it's not working due to low pay and lack of benefits in ECEC positions.

Kari provided the Action Council with an idea of what to expect to work on in Council meetings over the next year.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **Wrap-Up, Meeting Schedule**

Notes: Kari let the Council know that we will be reviewing the meeting cadence due to the new schedule with AOK, and to allow members to provide new availability. The Council said they prefer a set meeting schedule.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **Adjourn**

Follow-up/Next Steps: N/A

Next Meeting

Date/Time: To Be Determined