



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 48 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: August 9, 2023, 6:00pm – 7:30 pm

Council Members present: Megan Crookham, Shelby Hall, Catina White, Folanda James, Anita Frei, Kristin McGraw, Kerishena Metz, Timothy Whitacre-Albertson, Indirea Slaughter, Gary Craig

#### **Welcome, Review of Community Agreements**

Notes: Melissa began the meeting by welcoming the Family Council and reviewing the Community Agreements. No changes were made.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **Updates**

Notes: Melissa let the Family Council know we are recruiting for both Family Council and Action Council and what representation we are looking for. The link to the Council page was provided in chat for the Council members to share. Next, Melissa provided information about the release of the Regional Needs Assessment and two town halls that are scheduled for August 22 and August 23.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

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

Notes: Kari indicated we are wanting to collect feedback from Council members about the Regional Needs Assessment. Information gathered will be used to create an addendum. Kari then led a review of the report and provided opportunities for feedback.

ECEC Programs: Council members appreciated the detailed information and the visual of the charts. "It still stops me in my tracks that there is such a gap in available therapists for EI in our region."

Workforce: Council members were interested in the ECACE scholarship for ECEC workers and requested more information.

Kari opened the floor for general feedback:



- Who will be seeing this? Where will this be shared? – Press releases, the news, networks of Early Childhood Education stakeholders, collaborations, town halls, email lists, policymakers, etc.

Melissa provided information about what meetings this fall and into the new year will look like, and Kari added that there will be a much smaller Regional Needs Assessment focusing on mental health completed in the spring. Melissa reminded the Council again that we are recruiting for our Councils and will provide that information in our meeting follow-up email.

- When will we find out things are happening, or changes happening? – Council members are encouraged to join our Facebook group to stay in the loop.
- Are school district superintendents being met with? – Kari will be attending the superintendent meeting in September that's hosted by Bright Futures.
- "I thought the Region 48 Snapshot infographic was dynamite. That 2-pager tells the main issues concisely."

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

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

Notes: Melissa asked the Council if the current meeting cadence was still working well for everyone. No one gave any feedback. She will follow-up with a questionnaire to request feedback regarding the meetings moving forward.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

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Follow-up/Next Steps: N/A

Next Meeting

Date/Time: To Be Determined