



MEETING NOTES

Region 49 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 – 1:30-3:00pm

Council Members present: Danen Busch, Melissa Gravert, Janet Hill, Kate Jennings, Cindy Mahr, Marcy Mendenhall, James Richardson Jr., Lisa Williams
Council Members absent: Beverly Clark, Andrea Flannery, Lindsay Meeker, Tammy Muerhoff, Marcia Seabolt, Tiera Teague, Michael Terry

Welcome & Review of Community Agreements

Action Council members review community agreements.

Review of Early Childhood Systems Building Resource Guide

Action Council members reviewed five components of the Early Childhood Systems Building Guide.

- Context
- Components
- Connections
- Infrastructure
- Scale

Video: Wisconsin Early Childhood Integrated Data System

Action Council members viewed a video series of the Wisconsin Early Childhood Integrated Data System and discussed benefits and concerns with the model.

- Confidentiality of services
- Data protection by governing bodies
- Who can access data?
- Centralized identification number

Grand Rapids, MI Coordinated Intake Discussion

Action Council members reviewed the Coordinated Intake model implemented by Grand Rapids, MI Early Childhood System.

- One contact with frontline staff
- Staff to connect family with appropriate service(s)
- Service providers connect with families



Brainstorm: What works? What does not work? First actionable steps?

Assets and Barriers in Rock Island County

- QC Data Warehouse (United Way)
- Ages & Stages
- Teaching Strategies Gold
- KIDS Readiness Tool
- Caregiver Connections Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant
- Regional Office of Education data tools
- IRIS – Quad Cities Open Network
- Library staff
- Bi-state collaboration
- Inclusion Planning Grant (in process)

Questions and Concerns

- Collective assessment tools – track progress and successes
- Who has access?
- ECEC through high school graduation
- ECEC teachers – more in touch with Kindergarten teachers
- Quality of data
- Aggregate data vs. individualized data
- Use IRIS comprehensively
- Public-facing referral system
- Cultural barriers and stigmas – “permanent record”
- Bring elected officials to the conversation

Actionable Steps

- Establish working groups – established participation in other community groups
- Facilitate Parent Cafes
- Connect small child care programs to PEO (benefits administration)

Next Meeting

Date/Time: TBD – BE SURE TO SUBMIT AVAILABILITY THROUGH SURVEY! :

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Zoom link for virtual attendees: NEW LINK TO COME!