



Action Council All Member Meeting

Action Council Members: Lisa Abdelghani, Elizabeth Cannon, Tim Dudley, Brooke Ferber, Tamera Forthenberry, Niah Hamilton, Mia Harrier, Melissa Hollingsworth, Odette Hyatt-Watson, Marguerite Bailey to represent Michael Marron, Kenneth McCoy, Cindy Montgomery, Karren Orrick, Tamara L Red, Chris Rice, and Cynthia Smith

Date: September 20, 2023

Attendees

Council members present: Lisa Abdelghani, Elizabeth Cannon, Brooke Ferber, Tamera Forthenberry, Niah Hamilton, Mia Harrier, Melissa Hollingsworth, Marguerite Bailey to represent Michael Marron, Kenneth McCoy, Karren Orrick, Tamara L Red, Cynthia Smith, and Mary Surprenant

Council members absent: Tim Dudley, Odette Hyatt-Watson, Cindy Montgomery, Chris Rice, Jeri Spezia, and Mary Surprenant

Agenda

1. Introductions

2. Council Request and Group Agreements

Notes: All Council Members agreed to the expectations and group agreements. There were no agreements added.

3. Year 1 and Year 2 Work

Notes: Council Members reviewed last year's work on the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment. They also discussed this year's focus on gathering community input and creating an Action Plan, expanding our first-year analysis to include mental health support for families and early educators, and maintaining and building local partnerships and relationships to support our mission.

4. Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Method

Notes: A presentation was given on the CQI method and how it will be implemented in year two's council workgroups.

5. Parent stipends

6. Vote for Meetings

- a. Action Council Meeting Days/Times
- b. Workgroup Meeting Days/Times

Notes: Present Council Members were asked to vote on both a preferred day and time to meet for Action Council Meetings along with meeting with Family Council members for workgroup meetings.



Before the next meeting...

- Council members will share known Mental Health resources in Vermilion County to help compile a list of resources to be used later in the year.
- Council Members will use the information from the CQI presentation to take their collectively chosen recommendations and put together an action plan. An in-depth training of the CQI method is offered to Council Members who are interested.
- Votes will be tallied to decide when future Action Council meetings will be held. Also, votes for workgroup meetings will be added to the Action Council votes to decide when work groups will be held.
- Absent Council Members will follow up with the Birth to Five Illinois Team to go over what was missed.