



MEETING NOTES

Region 1 Action Council Meeting

Location: via ZOOM.

Date & Time: Nov. 14, 2023 1:30pm - 3:00pm & 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Council Members present: April Darringer, Brittany Brokaw, Katie Janssen, Shelly Sheffler, Carol Harlow, Tina Combs, Sarah Farha, Amy Davis, Erica Maynard, Kathy Fellahuer, Rosemary Grace.

Welcome/Introductions/Icebreaker Activity.

The meeting began with an agenda review. An icebreaker session allowed participants to share personal thoughts, including celebrations and memories related to the upcoming holidays.

Action Plan Recommendations Progress Update: Recommendations #2 and #3.

Bridget reviewed Recommendation #2, emphasizing collaboration efforts between the Regional CCRR and institutions of higher learning to promote new licensed centers and home based providers in the high-need areas of the Region. This will largely be undertaken by the Action Council with assistance at events and in planning through Family Council input. Bridget discussed creating a database of resources for 0-5 services by August 2024, seeking volunteers for assistance - largely undertaken by Family Council with assistance in gathering resources from Action Council.

Action Planning Exercise - Recommendation #1.

The recommendation focused on supporting the formation of collaborations or subcommittees for ECEC systems. Discussion regarding modifying the language to clarify that goal intent is to help collabs identify potential fiscal agents- not to secure a fiscal agent for them.

The Jamboard was introduced for collaboration on Recommendation #1. Participants added sticky notes, discussing potential leaders, local/state entities, individuals, and funding sources. See Jamboard link in shared Google Drive folder for additional notes. Group is encouraged to

return to Jamboard and make additions after meeting as we know it takes some folks longer to think and process requests for information.

Discussion regarding which counties to target in this goal. Cass and Scott have been decided. Brown is already applying - do we want to target another county since Brown won't be requiring any organizing during the Action Plan timeline. Members from Adams County argued against work there given the presence of a successful AOK Network collaboration. Members suggested Pike County as the next county in terms of need behind Cass and Scott. Group members agreed to make Pike County the third target in this goal.

Specific discussions regarding non profit funding sources including the United Way organizations of the Region, as well as various community non-profits and their service areas. Mental health provider discussion to identify IECMHC providers in the Region.

Meeting Times Discussion.

Bridget shares that Action Council meetings will continue to be offered in back to back sessions on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month to be more flexible for Council members.

Updates on Regional Work.

- Scott County - initial Town Hall completes/next meeting is January 16.
- Cass County – Beardstown group has met/next meeting is January 10.
- Brown County – collaboration application submitted.
- Faith based organizations -continuing outreach for data collection and understanding of organizational structure/strengths/challenges. (new contact per A. Darringer of Montessori Pre-k in Quincy (Adams County). Request of AC members to help us connect with these folks through professional and personal contacts. This group is proving hard to break into.
- Resource guide underway for Morgan/Scott Counties – currently in spreadsheet format; completed areas of prenatal, childcare services, basic needs - working on educational services. Will be engaging Family Council to target subcategories, search features, and organization of information.