



## [Action Council All Member Meeting Notes](#)

Action Council Members

December 19, 2023

### [Attendees](#)

Council members present: Leatha Asbury, Kelly Burke, Laura Douglas, Felicia McBride, Adelia Brienzo, Camesha Wilks,

Council members absent: Karina Slaughter, Rochelle Golliday, Janice Martin, Janis Jones, Nalissia Lightning, Beverly Hill, Briana Wright, Danielle Taylor, Diamond Ross, Gretchen Bailey,

### [Agenda](#)

1. Welcomes and Icebreaker

Notes:

- Action Council members were welcomed to the meeting, and as always, we started our meeting with a fun Icebreaker.
2. Honoring Other Holidays celebrated in December.

Notes:

- Ashonti Jackson, Regional Council Manager, honors the holidays celebrated in December.

3. Group Agreements

Notes:

- The Action Council reviewed Group Agreements and decided not to make any changes.

4. Region 1-B-C office hours update

Notes:

- We let our Council Members know we will cancel our Office Hours this month.



## 5. Action Plan Review

### Notes:

- We went over the steps to meeting our Action Plan goals and the time frame and asked if there was anything that we needed to add or remove.
- Council members were concerned about the timing for completing the goals; they want to consider changing it from 18 months to 24 months.
  - If this can be a community effort, then we can get this done in 18 months, but if it's going to be the Council members and the Region 1-B-C Team, it will take much longer.
- Council members had time to answer the below questions:
  - What lessons have they learned that might be helpful to your Council members?
  - Which partnerships can be leveraged to support your Council's goals/recommendations?
  - a. Encourage programs to hire specialized staff and provide professional and educational development at little or no cost to staff.
    - i. WHY?
    - ii. SMART GOAL
      - 1. Support the execution of 3 or more Professional development training courses in targeted communities with high Suspension rates to increase SEL, ACES, and trauma-informed training for staff by December 31st, 2024.
    - iii. Steps to Meeting Goals.
    - iv. Time Frame
  - b. Take 10 Mins to Answer the following questions.
    - i. What lessons have they learned that might be helpful to your Council members?
      - 1. They would know their communities and would be able to inform us more about their mental health needs.
      - 2. They may know what professional development is already out there and who needs more learning opportunities.
    - ii. Which partnerships can be leveraged to support your Council's goals/recommendations?



1. Making the current partnerships we have built stronger by ensuring we continue to keep the rapport going.

Recommendation 2: Optimize community partnerships and Community Collaborations to develop unified mechanisms to connect families across the Region with resources and ECEC programs.

## 6. Break Out Group

Notes:

- Council members discussed the questions from the Action Plan below.
  - a. Review
    - i. What Steps must be taken to meet the goal?
    - ii. How will you know when the goal is achieved?
  - b. Answer
    - i. What organizations/agencies are needed at the table to meet goals and implement the recommendation?
      1. Good Shepherd Center
      2. Birth to Five Forum
      3. Arab-American Services
      4. Local Pediatric Clinics (ACCESS)
      5. South Suburban Crisis Center
      6. Local food pantries
      7. Together We Cope
      8. Hope Center-Blue Island
      9. Park Districts
      10. Public Libraries
      11. ECRC
      12. Faith-based organizations
      13. State Organizations/agencies
      14. Illinois Cares
      15. Starnet Region VI
      16. ISBE
      17. Governors Office of ECE
      18. IDHS/WIC
      19. DCFS



20. Regional Office of Education

21. Easter Seals

- c. What individuals are needed at the table to meet goals and implement the recommendation?
  - 1. Families
  - 2. Child Care providers
  - 3. School District ECE staff/leaders
  - 4. Public Library Staff (youth services)
  - 5. Early Intervention Program leaders
  - 6. Mayors
  - 7. Aldermen/women
- d. What funding would it take to implement the recommendation?
- e. Are other community groups, agencies, organizations, or individuals working on similar or related goals/recommendations?
  - i. What lessons have they learned that might be helpful to your Council members?
  - ii. Which Partnerships can be leveraged to support your Council's goals?

7. Report Back

8. Closing Remarks