



MEETING NOTES.

Region 1 Family Council Meeting.

Location: via ZOOM.

Date & Time: Nov. 29, 2023 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Council Members present: Jayme Davis, Sara Ogden, Sinah Goodsell, Danielle Jackson, Chandler Keltz, Brittany Berry, Meyonna Minner, Brittany Klutz, Jamie Yording.

Welcome/Introductions/Icebreaker Activity.

The meeting started with an introduction to the AI Companion feature in Zoom and an overview of the agenda. Brittany provided an overview of the past year's work and emphasized the shift to Action Planning. Members engaged in an icebreaker, sharing personal celebrations.

Action Plan Recommendations Progress Update: Recommendations #1 and #2.

Recommendation #1, "support the formation of three new collaborations or subcommittees of current working groups in Region 1 that are specific to ECEC systems by Dec. 30, 2024." was discussed. The state team found this recommendation to be overdeveloped. Brittany reiterated the Smart Goal and highlighted potential collaborations and the set date. Emphasized the goal under the overarching aim of improving outreach to families in rural areas.

Recommendation #2 involves facilitating events to educate providers on licensing requirements in high-need areas using Regional community colleges and CCR&R's to support events offered to prospective center and home based providers. A Smart Goal was presented to conduct three hybrid events educating providers on licensing processes. Logistics, event locations, and reasoning were discussed.

Family Council members reminded that they are welcome to attend Action Council meetings and that they will be consulted for input and participation on both of the above goals.

Action Planning Exercise - Recommendation #3.

Discussion turned to Recommendation #3, focusing on creating a database of resources by county. The group discussed organizing the list of child care options. Suggestions included categorizing by county, services provided, hours, costs, and acceptance of CCAP. Other considerations were prenatal and mental health services. Suggestion to create listing with child care centers and home providers by county. Members recommended making the list searchable both by county and service. The group expressed interest in a comprehensive list including preschools, services provided, funding options, and more. Discussion on using an Excel sheet or Google Sheets for collaborative contributions. Emphasis on not being afraid to share resources across county lines.

A review of relevant dates in the Action Plan timeline was provided to the group. Updates on the group's work will be added to the Google Drive for individual access.

Updates on Regional Work.

- Scott County - next meeting is January 16; working with Region 40 to understand some of the collaboration work they were able to do in Greene County for better understanding of the planning process in a similarly underserved county.
- Cass County – Beardstown group next meeting is January 10; Region 1 Staff meeting with group leaders on December 6th.
- Brown County – collaboration application submitted; potential initiative to bring literacy to spaces not specific to young children per se, but where young children spend a lot of time AND resource fair.
- Pike County – we are still strategizing this county; more to come.
- Faith based organizations -continuing outreach for data collection and understanding of organizational structure/strengths/challenges.
- Mental health needs assessment – preliminary work includes outreach to all county health departments and mental health providers known to us for data retrieval where possible and critical input on needs.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 10. Group members shared community announcements and events. Surveys will be distributed for additional information gathering. Participants were reminded of the availability of resources in the Google Drive folder.