



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 12 Family Council Meeting

**Date & Time: Monday, January 23, 2023, 4:30pm**

Staff present: Donna Rardin, Ann Oswalt, Sophie Kershaw-Patilla

Council Members present: Melinda Evans, Brandi Foster, Emily Gullet, Whisper Shick

Council Members absent: Sara Farmer, Sandra Hyde, Whitney McCullough, Sara Adams, Cassi Fiscus, April Walls

#### **4:30 Welcome and Icebreaker (5 minutes)**

Notes: Donna welcomed Council members to the meeting and provided introductions as they joined.

- All participants took part in an interactive word cloud activity responding to the prompt, "Add a word that describes how you feel going into 2023." The word cloud is pictured below, with the larger font representing the most frequently shared words.



Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **4:35 Family Council December Update (5 minutes)**

Notes: Donna provided an overview of what was discussed during the December Family Council meeting.

- Review of the roles and responsibilities of the Family Council



- Regional Scan discussion
- Priority Populations discussion
- Meeting schedule

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Donna asked Council members for suggestions of what questions should be asked during upcoming Focus Groups, specifically regarding foster care families and families who are in the medical field.

#### **4:40 Early Childhood Education Programs (36 minutes)**

Notes: Family Council participants and Region 12 staff shared information about their family background and experience(s) with child care and other programs or services.

- Many members have varying backgrounds, but there was a consensus regarding struggles faced in finding quality child care, mental health services, and medical care, particularly when utilizing government benefits.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **5:16 Regional Scan Update (14 minutes)**

Notes: Ann provided a brief update on the status of the Regional Scan.

- Many of the concerns shared by the Family Council have also been shared by the Action Council, Focus Group, and Interview participants and are being addressed in the Regional Scan.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Ann asked all Council members to continue sharing their stories, so the Regional Scan provides a complete picture of the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) landscape in Region 12.

Next Meeting: February 6, 2023

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Virtual