



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 12 Family Council Meeting

Monday, March 6, 2023, 12:00pm

Staff present: Donna Rardin, Ann Oswalt

Council Members present: Sara Adams, Cassi Fiscus, Whisper Shick

Council Members absent: Charity Bailey, Melinda Evans, Sara Farmer, Brandi Foster, Karyssa Garcia, Sandra Hyde, Emily Gullet, April Walls

#### **12:00 Welcome and Introductions (4 minutes)**

Notes: Donna welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a brief introduction

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **12:04 Family Council Meeting Recap & Discussion (5 minutes)**

Notes: Donna provided an overview of what was discussed during previous Family Council meetings, which focused on workforce, the need for quality care to fill the slot gap, and the barriers to mental health care. Family Council members also continued the discussion, "What does quality/good care look like to you?"

- Ann shared how these topics are being included in the Regional Scan.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Council members are still asked to share any recommendations they feel should be included in the Regional Scan.

#### **12:09 Regional Scan and Action Council Update (19 minutes)**

Notes: Ann shared a draft of Regional Scan sections for Region 12. She explained the writing process/schedule and how the Regional and State Teams are involved.

- Council members were able to review the contents and ask questions.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Ann will share more content during the next Council meeting. There will be a joint Family and Action Council meeting in April, so members may discuss and finalize recommendations for the Regional Scan. Details will be shared via email and during the next Council meeting.



**12:28 Topic for Discussion: Poverty (26 minutes)**

Notes: Donna asked all participants the following questions:

- What factors do you think contribute to the amount of poverty in our Region and what impact does poverty have on Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)?
  - Access
  - Awareness

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Next Meeting: March 20, 2023

Time: 4:30pm

Location: Virtual