



## **Region 19 Action Council Meeting**

Date & Time: January 24, 2024, 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

### **Notes**

#### **2:00 pm: Welcome (10 minutes).**

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- Valerie Varju, Regional Council Manager shared the plan and timeline for upcoming Action Council meetings through the end of FY24.

#### **2:10 pm: Action Plan Overview (90 minutes).**

Notes:

- Valerie Varju, Regional Council Manager presented the drafted Action Plans for Region 19, providing context to the work group decision making process and subsequent action steps for each of the following recommendations:
  - Increased access to publicly funded programs, recognizing inconvenient schedules, the lack of transportation, and disqualifying criteria that separates families.
  - A system that supports children from varying levels of development, trauma, and medical complexities through inclusive and adaptive environments.
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- The Council discussed the work that is already being undertaken by community partners that align with the Action Plan.

#### **3:40 pm: Transition to Mental/Behavioral Health Services Overview (15 minutes).**

Notes:

- Valerie Varju, Regional Council Manager provided an overview of the transition to the assessment of the Early Childhood Mental and Behavioral Health Services landscape.
- Council members were offered the opportunity to review resources via a Google drive and submit feedback through Google forms.

#### **3:55 pm: Next Steps (5 minutes)**

Notes:

- Council members were informed of an upcoming Council feedback survey coming soon from Birth to Five Illinois.

### **Upcoming meetings:**



Full Action Council: Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 2:00 to 4:00 pm—Cultural Competency & Mental and Behavioral Health Services Landscape.

Full Action Council: Friday, February 23, 2024, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm—Birth to Five Illinois Mental and Behavioral Health Survey Results.