

## **Action Council All Member Meeting**

Action Council Members: Nykisha Barefield, Nancy Beal, Devan Gagliardo, Genny Haggard, Jessica Kubiak, Ann Marie Kuta, Glenda Love, Jami Mast, Cory Mehnert, Casheema Omowabi, Michelle Polivka, Christine Sparks, Melissa Vargas, Wendy Walker.

Date: February 21, 2024

## **Attendees**

Council members present: Nancy Beal, Genny Haggard, Jessica Kubiak, Glenda Love, Michelle Polivka, Wendy Walker.

Council members absent: Nykisha Barefield, Devan Gagliardo, Jessica Kubiak Ann Marie Kuta, Glenda Love, Jami Mast, Cory Mehnert, Casheema Omowabi, Christine Sparks, Melissa Vargas.

## **Agenda**

- 1. Introduction. Welcome.
  - Action Council members were welcomed to the meeting with a bit of upbeat music!
- 2. Group agreements.
  - Council members reviewed the Community Agreements to ensure they align with the group's vision. The floor was opened to all Council members to add agreements to the current list that will align with Mental and Behavioral Health.
- 3. Mental and Behavioral Health landscape.
  - Action Council members were given an overview of the Region's demographics to understand the dynamics of the Mental and Behavioral Health landscape of the Region while also hearing statistics of the Mental and Behavioral Health trends throughout the state of Illinois.
  - Council members conversed and provided county specific data such as the current known resources and referral processes.
- 4. Mental Behavioral Health community experience and feedback.
  - Council members weighed in on community feedback on Mental and Behavioral Health experiences and processes in the Region.
- 5. Next Steps.
  - During our next meeting, we will look at Early Childhood Professionals' Mental Health needs and the support that is needed in the classroom.
  - Council members will also examine priority populations served and underserved by I/ECMHC (Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant) due to the number of providers for the service delivery area per child.
- 6. Next Meeting.

Wednesday March 6th, at 11:00 am.