



MEETING NOTES

Region 34 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: 12/18/22 10:00am-1:00pm

Council Members present: Dane Cruz, Maria Pizano, Anani Moy, Jamie DiCarlo, Janie Metzger, Jennifer Cordova, Jessica Medina, Jon Ashworth, Judy Armstrong, Lauren McArdle, Maria Colunga, Natalie Udstuen, Rosa Herrera, Dr. Michael Karner, Taishiya Nix, and Lupe Rodriguez

Council Members absent: Arnita Hodge, Bobbie Hinden, Cheryl Caesar, Jessica Medina, Joan Battley, Kerry Stokes, Melissa Ferguson, Martina Rocha, Treana Monroe, and Dylan Olthoff

10:00am: Welcome, Review of 2nd Action Council Meeting Minutes (15 min)

Facilitator (s): Dane Cruz

10:15am: Icebreaker/Team Building Activity (15 min)

Notes: If you were stranded on an island, and you could only have 3 things. What 3 things would you want to have?

10:30am: Regional Community Development Demographic Landscape (60 min)

Notes: Presentation given by RCM Dane Cruz- on the Demographics of Lake County

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Notes: Public transportation Notes in Lake County

- Buses Don't Run Often,
- Uber and Buses are more important,
- Public Transportation Routes are outdated,
- Local School Districts provide transportation for each district. (No oversight),
- Majority of the Public Transportation is in Low Poverty Areas (does not cover all areas),
- Lake Zurich voted down a Metra stop,
- Lake Zurich and Wauconda have no public transportation,
- Look like there are some gaps in public transportation,
- Routes need to be revisited,



- No Focus on ECE,
- Public Transportation does not go west.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Notes: Household Median incomes

- Tale of 2 different Counties,
- Zion has a high # of Risk Factors as well,
- Majority of the Public Transportation is in Low Poverty Areas (does not cover all areas),
- Diamond Lake and Mundelein has inequities,
- Highland Park has inequities,
- The large Brown areas have farmland included,
- More Money in the Southern Part of the County,
- There is different concentration (Fox Lake),
- Fox Lake and Round Lake,
- Has a high # of risk factors.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Notes: Number of children under 6 years old

- 50,660 total children (23,865 0-2 yrs.) (26,795 3-5 yrs.)
- Thought we had more children,
- Above the National Average for children under 5,
- The Total # is important but more important is the # of Children who needs are not being met.
- There are a lot of children in East Lake County

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Notes: Location of children under the age of 6 in our region

- Round Lake (60073-2020 est) 2,020 children,
- 400% FPL 60073 2,434 children (2020 est),
- Round Lake (60073-2020 est) 2,020 children.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



Notes: **Location of different Racial/Ethnic Families**

- There are children from different backgrounds that need help,
- Data is used by “census tract” not zip code/cities (i.e., North Chicago),
- Thought we had a higher concentration of Hispanic population,
- There is a correlation between median income (for some areas) and pockets of racial diversity,
- Show the different concentration of ethnic families,
- Not Surprised,
- There are other ethnicities counted in areas.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Notes: **Languages spoken other than English and Spanish**

- Other languages spoken in Lake County: Mandarin, Hindi, Cantonese, Hebrew, Sign Language, Tagalog, Korean, Russian, Polish, Ukrainian, Punjabi, Slavic Languages, Arabic.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Notes: **Working Family**

- Very consistent data.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Notes: **Affordability of childcare for Families under FPL**

- Public School lunch assistance starts at 185%,
- Families cannot afford care,
- RP Program,
- Big Difference between Head Start (130%) and CCAP (200%).

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



Notes: **Priority Populations**

- **Children of Teen Parents** - Preschool program, Round Lake school district, that data PFA is just for the families that completed screening, Data does not go to the state stays locally,
- **Children Experiencing Homelessness**- Dr. Karner has data by Homelessness, EL coordination Agency,
- **Children in families in poverty or deep poverty** - Audited data every three years,
- **Children with Disabilities**- IEP students have to report to the state-EL coordination, State report,
- **Children in families with low caregiver education attainment** - Together for children network, Scholl district will ask during screening (risk factor),
- **Children in families that face barriers based on culture, language, and religion**- Libraries, Sedol agency, Hospitals,
- **Children in families who face barriers due to immigration status** - Haces, some churches help with refugee or asylum status, Mano a Mano, Illinois coalition of immigrant and refugee rights, Report to the same agency as the Homeless (PFA), PFA Risk factor screenings.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Notes: **Local Community collaborations**

- Round lake kindergarten,
- Dr Karner and the ROE,
- United way success by 6.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Contact each collaboration to interview.

Next Action Council Meeting on January 20, 2023 @10 am (TBD)

Next Steps: Review Program and Services & Slot Gap information for discussion at