



MEETING NOTES

Region 4 Action Council Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date & Time: January 18, 2023, 12:00pm

Council Members Present: Annemarie Toldo, Ester Lodge, Hillary Cook-Harris, Imari Hanserd, Stephanie Caltagorone, Taylor Macklin, Livia Bane, Kelly McNeal, and Lisa Coen

Council Members Absent: Shannon Scheffel, Carol Bailey, Bridget Dencker, Maurice West, Sue Wilson

12:00pm: Welcome Message, Greetings, and Introductions

Facilitator(s): Livia Bane, Regional Council Manager

12:20pm: Early Childhood Education and Care Programs

Facilitator(s): Livia Bane, Regional Council Manager

Materials: Google Form and Regional Document Supports

1:20pm: Large Group Discussion and Feedback (40 minutes)

Presenter: Livia Bane, Regional Council Manager

Materials: Jamboard for Group thoughts and feedback

Notes:

- Slot gap, lack of infant spots, lack of EC programs (and quality EC programs); including Head Start and PFAE, need for additional quality family child care, county specific differences, clustering of services, language barriers, lack of support for family homes seeking DCFS licensure, lack of transportation assistance, non-traditional work/EC care hour deficit, undocumented parents difficulties in accessing services, lack of staff to provide services, etc., all of which add to the system investing in “catch up” services for Kindergarteners and beyond.

1:55pm: Final Thoughts (15 minutes)

Presenter: Livia Bane, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Google Classroom: Access and expectations for space
- Foundational Trainings: Available for all
- Question or concerns for Region

Next Meeting: Workforce

Date: February 15, 2023

Time: 12pm-2pm

Location: Zoom