



MEETING NOTES

Region 4 Action Council Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date & Time: February 15, 2023, 12:00pm

Council Members Present: Annemarie Toldo, Bridget Dencker, Carol Bailey, Hillary Cook-Harris, Stephanie Caltagorone, Sue Wilson, Taylor Macklin, Livia Bane, Kelly McNeal, and Lisa Coen

Council Members Absent: Ester Lodge, Imari Hanserd, Maurice West, and Shannon Scheffel

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

Facilitator: Livia Bane, Regional Council Manager

12:20pm: Guest Speaker: ECEC Workforce Recruitment and Q&A

Presenter: Silvia Diaz, Higher Education Navigator

Notes: Contact information and flyers to be disseminated to group

1:00pm: Workforce: Data Review and Discussion

Facilitator: Livia Bane, Regional Council Manager

Materials: Whiteboard to collect group thoughts and feedback

Notes:

- Strengths of current system, including programs such as ECACE, Gateways, “Grow Your Own”, ExceleRate, Illinois WorkNet Center, CCR&R.
- Barriers to current system, workforce shortages, low wages, not enough support resources (Early Intervention, transportation, etc.).
- Solutions to barriers: Increased investment in workforce, subsidized PFA, expanded PFA, increased pay and benefits for ECEC workforce.

1:55pm: Final Thoughts

Presenter: Livia Bane, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Google Classroom: Space to review information and provide feedback.
- Will review previous topics, as some members had not been added to Council at the time.
- Scan narrative is progressing. We will take time to review document with Council in the coming months.

Next Meeting: Parents, Care Givers, and Families

Date: March 15, 2023

Time: 12pm-2pm

Location: Zoom