



MEETING NOTES

Region 4 Action Council Meeting

Location: Zoom

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

Council Members Present: Annemarie Toldo, Stephanie Caltagorone, Livia Bane, Kelly McNeal, and Lisa Coen
Council Members Absent: Bridget Dencker, Ester Lodge, Hillary Cook-Harris, Imari Hanserd, Sue Wilson, Maurice West, Taylor Macklin, and Shannon Scheffel

12:00pm: Welcome Message and Greetings

Facilitator: Livia Bane, Regional Council Manager

12:10pm: Parents, Caregivers, and Family Stories Discussion

Facilitator: Livia Bane, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Parents forced to pick up children when rooms close due to lack of teachers.
- “Out of the box” solutions for families.
- Abuse and neglect can stem from child care issues.
- Demoted or lost job due to child care closure, sick child, etc.
- Dads often not considered priority and are left out of conversations.

1:00pm: Parent Guest Speaker

Facilitator: Livia Bane, Regional Council Manager and Parent M.

Notes:

- Found care for child at a Center, after having unpleasant experiences in home child care situation.
- Transportation is difficult (i.e., bus and route timing, navigating the weather, hauling a stroller, etc.).
- Child Care Assistance Program did not approve her certification trainings as an approved activity for child care subsidy.
- Child has special needs and can only receive services within school during school hours, program is only 2.5 hours per day.
- Parent learning to prioritize her own health and striving to obtain a career.
- Supports are often reactive, not proactive or before the issue occurs.

1:30pm: Final Thoughts and Reflection

Facilitator: Livia Bane, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Scan narrative is progressing; we still need your input!