



MEETING NOTES

Region 41 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: 03/29/2023, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Council Members present: Chelsea Ferguson, Shawn Foles, Erica Hanke-Young, Krystle Huelsman, Kelly Martin, Dawn Miller, Megan Prueter

Council Members absent: Jessica Lewey, Teri Mustain, Alecia Peacock

6:00pm Welcome (10 min)
(Agenda Review, Community Agreements Overview, Identify Meeting Roles, & Established Protocols)

Notes:

- Council members and Region 41 team completed a review of agenda, community agreements, and identified meeting roles.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

6:10pm Quality in our own words (25 min)

Notes:

- Council members defined quality in Early Care and Education in their own words. Definitions included the following keywords: reliability, communication, interaction with the caregivers, feeling comfortable, safe, engaging, tangible data the child is developing, mental health services, & “welcoming to all families.”

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

6:35pm Broadening our Understanding of the Early Care and Education Workforce (15 min)

Notes:

- Council members deepened their understanding of who is identified as being part of the Early Care and Education Workforce.
- Council members shared additional members who are associated with the Early Care and Education Workforce.

Decisions Made: N/A



Next Steps: N/A

6:50pm What does the Early Childhood Workforce data say? (25 min)

Notes:

- Council members and Regional team reviewed data around the Early Care and Education workforce in Madison County.
- Council members shared insights gained from the review.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

7:15pm Break (5 min)

7:20pm Connecting Quality & the Early Care and Education Workforce (20 min)

Notes:

- Council members shared how quality and the workforce connect. They provided descriptions of the staff and the settings for quality care. One member shared “A qualified, valued, supported, and well-compensated workforce forms the foundation of high-quality early childhood education and care.”

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

7:20pm How do we improve Access Recap (0 min.)

Notes:

- Agenda item held until April 12, 2023, meeting.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

7:40pm Regional Scan (10 min)

Notes:

- The Regional team discussed the progress of the Scan and next steps for Council review.

Decisions Made: Council Members will review the Scan draft and provide feedback.

Next Steps: Council members will receive a draft copy of the Scan to review and provide comments.



7:50pm Community Event Sharing, Planning, & Take Aways (10 min)

Notes:

- Council members and the Regional team shared upcoming community events, Family Fun Fest on April 1, 2023, was highlighted.
- Council members shared one word on how they were feeling about the meeting. The Regional team reminded Council members their voice was their superpower.

Decisions Made: Next Council meetings are scheduled for April 12, 2023, & April 26, 2023.

Next Steps: N/A

8:00pm Adjourn