



## Action Council and STARS Meeting.

Date & Time: November 14, 2023, 9:00am.

### **Attendees.**

**Council members present:** Nicole Bleuer, Andrea Cossey, Rachael DeSpain, Maggie Fern, Lisa Lilja, Lois Meisenheimer, Diana Meridian, Linda Leblanc-Parks, Krista Peterson, Teresa Strum, Monica Wolfley, Allison Vrana.

**STARS members present:** Grace Heimerdinger-Baake, Shari Eddinger, Becky Haas, Angela Hodges, Chelese Palmer, Michelle Pauley, Danielle Reed.

### **Agenda.**

1. **Welcome.**  
Notes: Abby updated the group on the Birth to Five Illinois trip to Springfield, the addendum, and the statewide reports.
2. **Guest Speakers: Illinois Action for Children: Community Systems Statewide Supports.**  
Notes: Hannah Miro and Deb Hwang joined to give updates on the program.
3. **Action Plan Workgroups.**  
Notes: Updates were given on two of the recommendations in progress. The Council was then put into breakout rooms to discuss questions they would like to ask the Child Care Resource and Referral (4-C). Participants were given a digital form to share additional feedback on the progress of the SMART Goals.
4. **Reports and Committee Updates.**
  - a. Early Childhood Workforce Committee.
  - b. Family Education & Engagement Committee.
  - c. IRIS/Coordinated Intake Committee.
  - d. Home Visiting Committee.
  - e. Child Care Task Force.
5. **Members Roundtable Report Out.**



### **Before the Next Meeting:**

Council Members were asked to complete the feedback form by November 20, 2023.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Region 47 Action Council Workgroup Meeting: November 28, 2023 at 1:30pm.

Region 47 Action Council and STARS Meeting: December 12, 2023 at 9:00am.