



## Action Council Meeting.

Date & Time: December 12, 2023, 9:00 am.

### Attendees.

**Council members present:** Nicole Bleuer, Maggie Fern, Lois Meisenheimer, Kris Noble, Linda Leblanc-Parks, Teresa Strum, Daniel Swihart, Allison Vrana, Monica Wolfley.

**STARS members present:** Grace Heimerdinger-Baake, Shari Eddinger, Aimee Howard, Sarah McFarlane, Michelle Pauley, Danielle Reed, Lynne Riley, Ashley Teel, Heather Waninger.

### Agenda.

#### 1. Welcome, Updates & Celebrations.

##### a. In-person STARS & Action Council Meeting.

Notes: January 23, 1:30-3:00pm Birth to Five Illinois will be hosting an in-person meeting, all council members are invited to attend.

##### b. Mental Health Survey.

Notes: A link to the survey was shared in the chat and participants were asked to take part in it as well as share with their network.

##### c. IDHS Virtual Town Hall.

Notes: On Tuesday, January 16th from 1:00-2:30, IDHS is hosting a virtual town hall to share their strategic plan, program updates, and Smart Start updates. A link was shared with participants.

#### 2. Update on Workgroups.

##### a. Action Plans.

Notes: A brief update on the Action Plans progress was shared. To answer some questions that have come up during planning, the participants were asked to partake in a poll.

##### b. 4-C: Community Coordinated Child Care.

Notes: A few highlights from the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting where 4-C presented as guest speakers were shared.

##### c. Early Childhood Provider Panel.

Notes: A brief overview of the December 5<sup>th</sup> Provider Panel was given.



### **3. 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.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Region 47 Action Council and STARS Meeting: January 9, 2024, at 9:00am.