



Action Council Member Meeting.

Date: Friday, February 2, 2024, 9:30am – 11:30am.

Attendees.

Council members present: Andrianna Smyrniotis, Bryna Ryan, Jacqui Jones, Jenna Wiesner, Kristi Ray, Laura Costic, Lisa Weaver, Shannon Dault.

Agenda.

1. Icebreaker.
2. Group agreements.
3. Data literacy.

Notes: Kari presented about the different types of data and how Birth to Five utilizes data within its work.

4. Mental and behavioral health landscape.

Notes: Kari reviewed the demographics of the Region and the types of mental and behavioral health providers in Peoria County. If one needs urgent or immediate care, there are no walk-in services available for non-emergency, non-safety risk cases.

Current locations for mental and behavioral health services are mostly located in the city of Peoria, and not much is available in the more rural areas of the Region. Another consideration is that it is difficult to assess if there are enough services available to the community because many mental and behavioral health providers don't accept Medicaid. The current data does not differentiate mental and behavioral health services for children versus adults, and this adds to the complexity of available services. Transportation was also mentioned as a barrier, as not everyone has a vehicle. It is also unknown how many people from other counties come to the city of Peoria to receive services. This may affect the availability of services. Some virtual services are available to children and adolescents, but their effectiveness was called into question.

Before next meeting...

- Complete the mid-year Council member survey sent by the state team.