



Council All Member Meeting

All Council Members

Date: January 25, 2024

Attendees

Council members present: Nicole Warren, Shameka Brown, Audrey Gonzalez, Jessica Seger, Katie Manno, Linda Eiland, Janice Moenster, Kaelin Richardson, Shalese Bruya, Emily Alvarez, Wendy Williams, Carolyn Jason, Cassandra Staal, Misti Johnson, Roberta Johnson, Sylvia Nunn

Council members absent: Mariah Tolson, Megan Burgess, Makisha Binns, Shamyra Brown, Gina Ruther, Gina Harding

Agenda

1. Introductions/ Ice Breakers
 - a. What is one thing that you are looking forward to this year?
 - b. Review of the group agreements, and a reminder that we can narrow the agreements down as the group sees fit.
2. Review Action Plan
 - a. Recommendation 1: Connect all Early Childhood staff and programs to supports, resources, and professional development around special education, trauma-informed care, and mental health.
 - i. Do we have ideas on who we will advocate with?
 1. State funders, State departments, etc.
 - b. Recommendation 2
 - i. In collaborating for the Coordinated Intake Fair, is it mainly around mental health and homelessness?
 1. It would be focused on Mental Health but would be a broad definition.
 - a. Region 50 staff will receive clarification that this is something that we could potentially expand.
 2. Using a different location due to accessibility, bad weather, larger location, etc.
 - a. Expanding focus to all of St. Clair County, and not just those in need of services within the Greater East St. Louis Area
 - ii. How do we focus on the higher education coordinators and the staff at INCCRRA to think about who is prepared to offer this credential to their students?
 1. Could ask 2-3 High Schools to participate within St. Clair County.



- a. Collaborate with the Illinois Network of Child Care Resources and Referral Agency (INCCRRA) and the St. Clair County Regional Office of Education (ROE) to host an informational session around Level 1.
 - i. Use the ROE to connect with schools across St. Clair County.
 - ii. Utilize virtual services that Birth to Five Illinois: Region 50 has to host an online Question & Answer session for interested schools.
 - c. Discussion was held around the next steps of the Action Plans.
 - i. Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) will review the Action Plans, and Birth to Five Illinois: Region 50 will step back from facilitating the work during the review.
 - 1. The community work does not have to stop, however, the facilitation of the progress by Birth to Five Illinois: Region 50 staff just needs to pause.
 - a. Several Council members noted pausing the facilitation of work on the Action Plan deliverables will be a hardship on the community.
- 3. Council Meeting Dates
 - a. Action and Family separated to discuss, and schedule, Council meetings for February to June.
- 4. Mental Health
 - a. Action Council member Nicole Warren presented on Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, and the role of an Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant.
 - i. What is I/ECMHC?
 - 1. Promotion and prevention-focused.
 - a. Accessing support before a crisis.
 - 2. Indirect
 - a. Primarily working with program staff.
 - 3. Relationship-based
 - a. Working in collaboration with program staff.
 - 4. Capacity building
 - a. Helping staff and leaders to build efficacy.
 - 5. Big picture
 - a. Exploring common themes across the program.
 - ii. What I/ECMHC is not?
 - 1. Therapy
 - a. Providing clinical treatment.
 - 2. "Fixing the child"
 - a. Creating a behavioral modification plan.



3. Coaching
 - a. Supporting the goals of the learner.
4. Supervision
 - a. Monitoring and managing staff performance.
5. A social worker
 - a. Managing family cases and referring to resources.
 - b. If any members of the council have questions, please feel free to contact Nicole.
5. Announcements
 - a. Early Learning Partnership announced a future possibility of further collaboration in the future.

Before next meeting...

1. Please share our event with the Early Learning Partnership [on February 1st at 6:00pm.](#)