



## Action Council Meeting Notes

Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024.

### Attendees

Council members present: Connie Shugart, Elizabeth Lerch, Harold Pursey, Katie Estes, Lajewell White, Laura Pickrell, Laurie Rhodes, Mitch Baker, Shelly Roat, Jamar Scott, and Ashley Reynolds.

Guest Speaker: Gwen Walsh from SIU Medicine and Sangamon HEART: IRIS.

### Agenda

1. Icebreaker, Community Agreements, future Council and Workgroup date/ time, and questions.
2. Guest Speaker: Gwen Walsh from SIU Medicine and Sangamon HEART: IRIS. She provided the IRIS Q3 Dashboard and handouts.
  - a. Notes: Ashley introduced Gwen and went over how Sangamon HEART: IRIS partners with Birth to Five Illinois. She also revisited recommendation two from the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment and how the SMART goals were developed from the workgroup for the Action Plan to help build this collaboration by getting more organizations to join and also how it helps the children age birth to five years old in our communities. Gwen went over what Sangamon HEART: IRIS is and what the IRIS Dashboard (Referral tool) looks like for a partner to complete a referral if they are an organization in the system. She also showed how organizations can run reports on how they are doing with referrals and how the community is doing overall with referrals. She reviewed all the different screens that organizations would use and would see if they decided to join IRIS. Organizations in IRIS have found this referral process is very streamlined and the status of the referral is taken care of in a much quicker manner than when they had to fax, mail, or call the referrals.
3. Google Drive update for Council members.
  - a. Notes: The issues have been corrected.
4. Year Two Work - Mental/Behavioral Health.
  - a. Notes: Please complete the Mental and Behavioral Health survey by Monday, January 15, 2024.
5. Share New Resource With Council: Affordable Connectivity Program.
  - a. Notes: The Affordable Connectivity Program is a long-term, \$14 billion program to help ensure we can afford the internet connections we need for work, school, health care, and more. Eligible households can receive a monthly discount of up to \$30 per month on their internet service bill and up to \$75 per month for



households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

6. Opportunity for overall questions.
  - a. N/A
7. Closing remarks, data sources, foundational trainings, Family Council report, and how to connect.
  - a. Notes: Council check-in will be sent via email starting Feb 1st from Birth to Five Illinois State Team. Transition Committee listening sessions are to be held bi-monthly and are public. We encouraged our council members to register for these sessions and give feedback if possible.

### Before the next meeting...

- Workgroup Date:
  - Recommendations One, Two, and Three — Thursday, January 18, 6:00pm – 8:00pm at SPARC 2929 Stanton St Springfield, Illinois 62703.
- February's Guest Speaker: Kendra Day, Community Engagement, from Memorial Behavioral Health.
- **Next Action Council meeting: Thursday, February 8, 2024, Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm.**
- **Location: 1209 S. 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703.**