



Action Council All Member Meeting

Action Council Members: Family Representative Elizabeth Cannon, Family Representative Mia Harrier, Lisa Abdelghani, Tim Dudley, Tamera Forthenberry, Niah Hamilton, Melissa Hollingsworth, Odette Hyatt-Watson, Marguerite Bailey to represent Brandun Schweizer, Michael Marron, Kenneth McCoy, Karren Orrick, Mrs. Red, Chris Rice, Cynthia Smith, and Mary Suprenant.

Date: February 20, 2024.

Attendees

Council members present: Lisa Abdelghani, Melissa Hollingsworth, Odette Hyatt-Watson, Tracie Petersek to represent Brandun Schweizer, Karren Orrick, Mrs. Red, Chris Rice, and Cynthia Smith.

Agenda

1. **Guest Speaker:** Randi Kinsella, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant with Caregiver Connections.
2. **Review Group Agreements.**
3. **Updates from last meeting.**
 - a. Reviewed updated information from the last Action Council Meeting.
4. **Mental and Behavioral Health County resources.**
 - a. Reviewed last links/flyers/collected resources.
5. **Mental and Behavioral Health Survey Responses.**
 - a. Reviewed a few of the survey responses.
6. **Mental and Behavioral Health Landscape.**
 - a. Where in the Region are the mental and behavioral health services and supports located?
 - i. Most of the facilities are located in Danville.
 - b. Who is missing out on the opportunity to connect with mental and behavioral health services and supports due to their location? Why?
 - i. Families in rural areas are not being served due to transportation.
 - ii. Families that need services immediately and are put on a waiting list are not getting the services that they deserve.
 - c. How does the number and/or location of providers impact caregivers, children, and families?
 - i. The impact on family, caregivers, and children due to the number of [mental and behavioral health care providers in our area is very scary.](#)



[Families are not](#) being served due to these issues and having to be put on a waitlist for long periods.

7. Next Meeting.

Before the next meeting...

- Follow up with Tammy if you were not able to attend the meeting.
- Email Tammy with any information about access to Mental and/or Behavioral Health services, resources, and referrals.