



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, Tracie Petersek to represent Brandun Schweizer, Michael Marron, Kenneth McCoy, Karren Orrick, Mrs. Red, Chris Rice, Cynthia Smith, and Mary Suprenant.

Date: February 6, 2024.

Attendees

Council members present: Family Representative Elizabeth Cannon, Family Representative Mia Harrier, Lisa Abdelghani, Niah Hamilton, Odette Hyatt-Watson, Tracie Petersek to represent Brandun Schweizer, Michael Marron, Kenneth McCoy, Karren Orrick, Chris Rice, and Cynthia Smith.

Agenda

1. **Icebreaker.**
2. **Guest Speaker:** Beth Bray Knecht, Executive Director/ Board President Hoopston Multi-Agency Service Center, INC
3. **Review Group Agreements.**
4. **Data Literacy.**

Notes: The council discussed the different types of data along with how it will be collected and used for meeting purposes.
5. **Mental and Behavioral Health Landscape.**

Notes: The Council discussed the following questions concerning the mental and behavioral health landscape:

 - a. What are the entry points for families?
 - i. Families stated that doctors/health care providers, home visiting programs, friends and families have helped them get the mental and behavioral help that they need.
 - b. What are the gaps?
 - i. Rural areas are not being served very well due to transportation.
 - c. What populations are not being served?
 - i. Some of the prior population are not being served, due to knowledge, transportation, insurance not being accepted, at some mental and behavioral health facilities.
 - d. What changes need to be made?



- i. Our Region needs more therapists that will children under the age of 8 years old.

6. Next Meeting.

Before the next meeting...

- Complete the "Mid-year Council Survey".
- Follow up with Tammy if you were not able to attend the meeting.