



Meeting Notes

Region 17 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday May 24th 5:00-6:30 pm

Council Members Present in Person: Teresa Cornejo, Maria (interpreter), Jacqueline Sweat

Council Members Present on Zoom: Ashley Giebelhausen, Kelly Rhodes

Council Members Absent: Lakeesha Smith, Clymeshia Nelson, Alesia (Anna) Smith

5:00 Welcome & Review of Family Council Agreements

Facilitators: Carol Weisheit, Becky Thacker, Monica Reed

Notes:

- Welcomed everyone to the 12th meeting and reviewed Council Agreements.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: The Family Council Agreements can be found on Google Drive and will be updated as needed.

5:05 Icebreaker: Something on your bucket list...

Facilitator(s): Becky Thacker, Family and Community Engagement Specialist

Notes:

- Everyone shared an item from their bucket list.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:15 Infographic and Executive Summary

Facilitator(s): Monica Reed, Regional Administration Support

Facilitator(s): Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- The latest Infographic was shared with the Council.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:25 Regional Needs Assessment Recommendations

Facilitator(s): Becky Thacker, Family and Community Engagement Specialist



Notes:

- Reviewed and discussed Needs and Recommendations from the Family and Action Councils
 - Address the shortage of a well-trained and well-compensated workforce.
 - Increase number of bilingual workforce, e.g., classroom staff, home visitors, developmental screening staff, therapists.
 - Expand birth to five programming and child care especially in rural areas.
 - Create additional affordable child care options for families.
 - Promote local and regional awareness of already existing programs and resources for families.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

6:00 Dissemination Plan

Facilitator(s): Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Summer Dissemination Plan on Google Drive.
 - Becky shared the chart with ideas and people that may be able to help. Please add any ideas you have to this chart or email Becky with ideas.
 - A member shared ideas for groups to talk with – her son's OT holds seminars and will get contact info.
 - Think about any friends/neighbors/acquaintances you have that may be affiliated with places like the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development, etc. that you could talk to about us so we aren't cold calling.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

6:20 Wrap Up

Facilitator(s): Becky Thacker, Family and Community Engagement Specialist

Notes:

- Discussed the plan for summer months and future ideas.

Thank you all for your commitment to Birth to Five Illinois Region 17!