

Illinois Early Learning Council

Family Advisory Committee

December 09, 2021

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING LOCATION LOCATION

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89538290041?pwd=ZThJSg1DRVN4QmJVQjZBOHJLcVpUZz09>

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FAC Members in Attendance: Dena Chapman, Leann Swain, Donna Carpenter, Bhairvi Patel, Courtney Hill, Stacey Leatherman, David Quiroz, Maggie Koller, Kristen Medrano, Lakeesha Smith, Aubry Stapleton, Cheryse Singleton-Nobles, Cori Mohr, Samatha McDavid, Whitney Brooks, Joan Van, Darcy Walton

Participants in Attendance: Donna Carpenter, Anedra Kerr, Maggie Koller, Gabriela, Lettie Hicks, Maralda Davis, Yolanda Williams, Liliana Velazquez Liu, Sonja Clark, Crystal Reddit, Sandra Beiza, Mykela Collins, Diana Merdian

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dena at 5:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions: Dena asked FAC members to introduce themselves by stating name and identifying their respective regions in the chat. The public was also asked to introduce themselves and identify their respective affiliations. The interpreter was introduced and given the opportunity to communicate the norms for the interpreting process.

2. Community Agreements were read by Dena and consecutively interpreted in Spanish.
3. ELC Statement of Racial Equity was read by Dena and consecutively interpreted in Spanish.
4. Public Comment Statement was read by Dena and consecutively interpreted in Spanish.
5. Approval of Minutes: Samatha McDavid moved to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Courtney Hill. Motion carried.
6. Old Business
 - o Follow-up from The Morton Group: Anedra Kerr shared a draft survey with the FAC, and provided the following updates; The American Institute of Research (AIR) will be completing the needs assessment, 750 survey parent responses have been received with 25-35 parents included in last strategic plan, focus groups are currently up to 150 parents and have waiting lists with parents wanting to join a focus group. AIR's project to be completed in early January. The Morton Group plans on using the 75 parents on AIR's waiting list, but stated that if the diversity of that group is not strong, Morton Group will return to the FAC for help recruiting.
 - o Goal 1: Childcare Enrollment: Progress towards goal
 - Stacey Leatherman gave a status update on FAC Goal #1; A thorough systems scan with identified community partners has been completed. The FAC will pause further work on Goal #1 until

barriers have been identified through the survey process and focus on other goals while awaiting results.

- 10 minutes of public comment
 - It was asked if FAC mentors should have been included in the survey and Dena clarified that the survey was just for the FAC.

7. New Business

- Maggie Koller, M.S., Direction of Communication & Dissemination, GOECD provided a review of the ELC restructuring plan she also mentioned that is leaving GOECD. Her last day will be Friday. It was explained that the ELC will be restructuring committee assignments, minus FAC. New committees to be formed include Integration and Alignment, Research, Evaluation and Data, Quality and Workforce, Health and Home Visiting, Community Equity and Access. In an effort to streamline, all ELC committees will prioritize certain topics, as established by Executive Committee, and staffers will all be from GOECD moving forward. It was asked if FAC members could chair committees and it was clarified that bylaws restrict those roles to full ELC members. FAC to discuss how to divide FAC expertise and diversity of voice among ELC committee assignments. FAC advocacy for Spanish interpretation at ELC meetings to continue.

Adjournment

- a. Next meeting: February 10, 2022
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM