

Community Resource Center Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 1, 2026

Attendance:

Members

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| ☐ Amy Arnt-Buzzard | ☒ Jayne Gibson | ☒ Jessica Jungroth | ☒ Zerina Said |
| ☐ Suzanne Arntson | ☒ Marlena Hanson | ☒ Jessica Little | ☐ Wahbon Spears |
| ☒ Kanisha Bliss | ☒ Lee Her | ☐ Julie Neitzel Carr | ☒ Molly Schroeder |
| ☒ Jennifer Compeau | ☐ Jeff Horton | ☒ Felicia Orozco | ☐ Catherine Wright |

Staff

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| ☐ Hafsa Abdi | ☒ Sherri Killins |
| ☐ Heather Reynolds | Stewart |
| ☒ Rebecca Juarez | ☒ Megan Waltz |

Guests

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| ☒ Dustin Parks |
| ☒ Abra Pollock |

Location: Teams

Purpose of the council:

To advise the commissioner of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families on the development, implementation, evaluation and ongoing governance of Community Resource Centers in Minnesota.

Duties of the council:

Duties include, but are not limited to, advising the commissioner on:

- The development and funding of a network of community resource centers
- The development of requests for proposals and grant award processes
- The development of program outcomes and accountability measures, and
- Ongoing governance and necessary support in the implementation of community resource centers.

Meeting objectives

1. Review and orient the council to its purpose, goals and objectives responsibilities, deliverables, and the timeline to ensure co design, implementation and monitoring, as per the legislation.
2. Build relationships amongst the council members to increase communication and support the sharing of individual values, experiences and interest to benefit the collective interest.
3. Reflect on key learnings and data from relationship-based services, programs and initiatives which seek to connect families to state, local and regional resources.
4. Discuss the characteristics and essential resources for coordination, planning and partnerships for collaboration that are responsive and contribute to families getting what they need for wellbeing of children, families, and communities.
5. Recommend potential measures of success for **culturally responsive, relationship-based service navigation** through programs, services or initiatives intended to benefit children, families, and communities.

Agenda with added Minutes

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Agreements

- A. What is one thing you absolutely want to do this summer?
- B. Review of meeting objectives, meeting agenda, meeting agreements.

2. In-Person Meeting Update and Themes

A. Member feedback:

- Zerina: good to connect with grantees, some familiar faces, good to learn about new orgs especially those in Twin Cities, realizing similarities and challenges, also learning about sustainability, helps better understand who C/FRCs are serving
- Lee: could have spent whole day discussing sustainability without funds, a lot to be learned
- Kanisha: helpful to learn about opportunities grantee had as a food shelf, as well as other opportunities for parent and children, nice to talk with grantee

Narrative: What problem(s) are we trying to solve?

Identifying progress and challenges (around four goals of C/FRCs)

Sustainability: what could continue without new funding & with new funding; short- & long-term priorities

B. Question 1: Given all of this information from the grantees, what are your top five funding priorities?

Responses:

- Funding for staff training in trauma-informed care
- Flexible funding
- Additional funding
- Stable funding for the programs, concrete supports, funding/stipends for parent advisory council members
- Flexible, concrete supports; increased opportunities for collaboration between state and county
- Providing flexible funding for misc expenses

3. Data Review

- A. Review current data across all sites
- B. Discussion: What do you wish we could know or collect?

4. Case Study Discussion: Strategic Alignment and Shared Vision

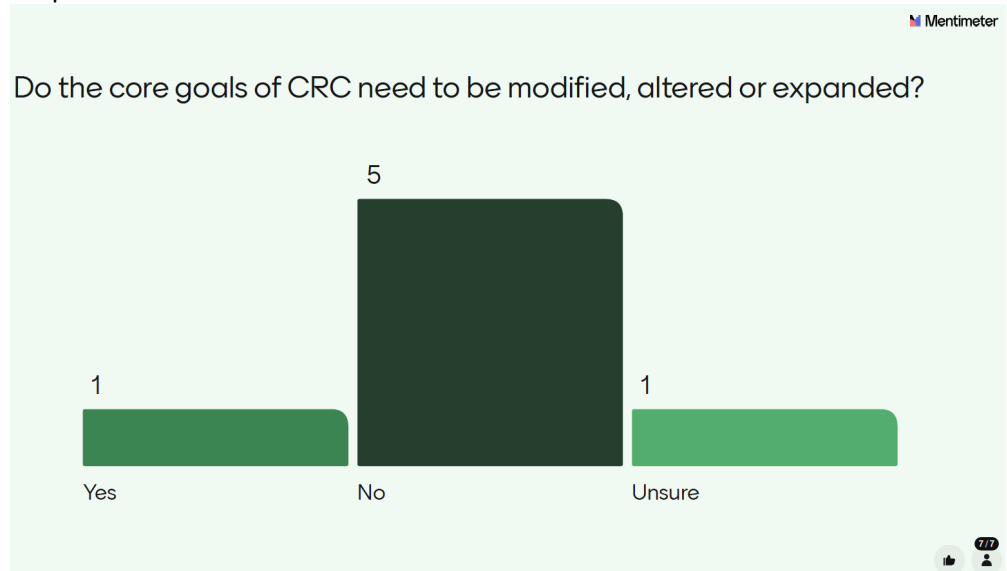
A. Review Governance Tasks

- Strategic Alignment and Shared Vision
 - Co-develop and affirm a shared mission, core values, and outcomes across all sites
 - Ensure alignment between site-level operations and the overarching goals related to the program

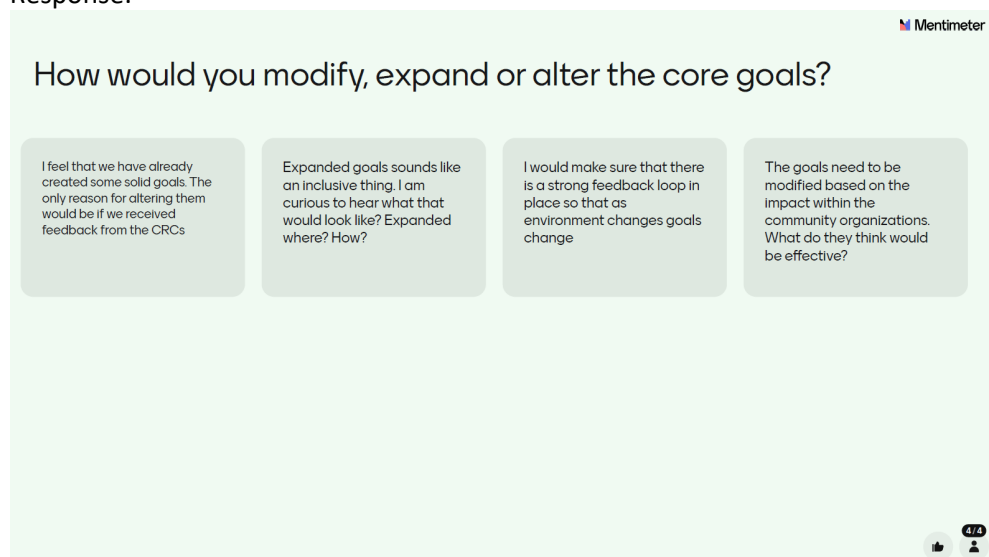
B. Introduce Case Study

- Review past governance tasks & recommendations
- Alignment goals:
 - Make it easier for families to get what they need
 - Increase community connections for families
 - Build organizational capacity to create access to programs and services that support economic stability and family well-being

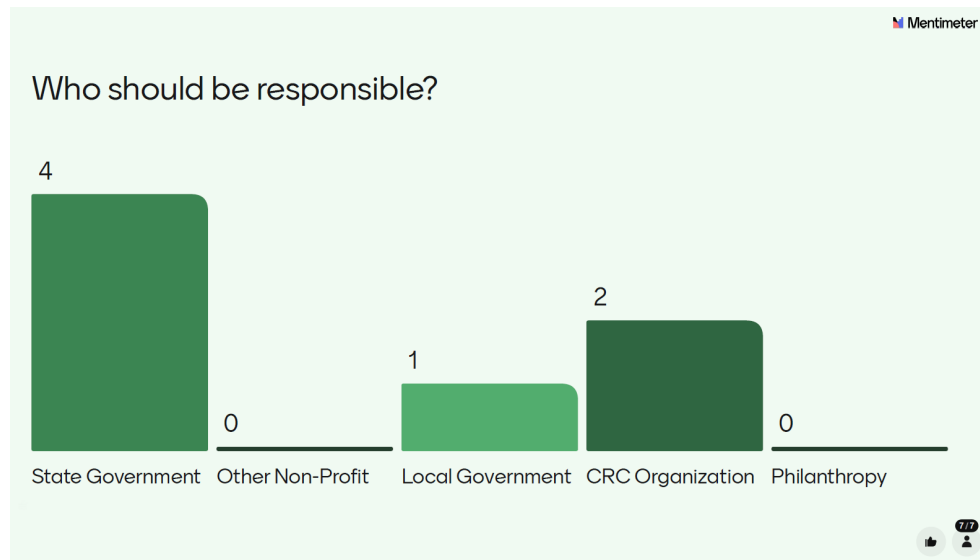
- Promote practice, policy, and systems change at the local and state level to better support family well-being
- The situation (case study):
 - Misalignment: families still have to navigate multiple eligibility, not fully integrated, transportation challenges, limitations in navigation, families still concerned with surveillance, organizational infrastructure still not designed for families, siloes, competition for resources, struggle to balance collaboration & organizational survival; CRCs can see the issues but cannot change how systems operate, asked to solve big problems at community level
- C. Menti Question: Do the core goals of CRC need to be modified, altered, or expanded?
 - Response:



- D. Menti Questions: How would you modify, expand, or alter the core goals?
 - Response:



- E. Menti Question: Who should be responsible?
 - Response:



5. Closing, One-word Reflections, Next Steps

- A. KN/CFRC grantee meeting June 11
- B. Next grantee Community of Practice topic: Housing with Serve MN (August)
- C. July 27th next CRC Advisory Council meeting