



Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council (BBF SAC)
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2017 12:00-3:00
600 Blair Park
Williston, VT 05495

Present: Eddie Gale, Reeva Murphy, Ben Allen, Charlie Biss, Aly Richards, Kim Coe, Julie Cadwallader Staub, David Young, Breena Holmes, Chloe Learey, Stacy Weinberger, Kenneth Jones

Absent: Maleka Clarke, Kristin Mason, Stacy Weinberger, Kevin Mullin, Betsy Rathbun-Gunn, Kim Keiser, Stephanie Winters, Kate Rogers

By Phone: Dawn Powers, Ellen Taetzsch, Steve Ames, Chad Simmons, Steve Ames, Robin Stromgren, Kathleen Paterson
Community Partners/Guests: Matt Levin, Ann Dillenbeck, Amy Bolger, Becky Millard (Raymond), Sue Ryan, Terry Edgerton, Nicole Grenier

Staff: Sarah Squirrell, Katie Mobbs, Deb McLaughlin, Beth Truzansky, Nick Adams, Amy Johnson, Sarah Buxton

Welcome, Introductions & Other Business

Reeva Murphy called the meeting to order at 12:12pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Consent Agenda

The Board passed the minutes from November 28, 2016; Julie Cadwallader Staub made a motion to accept with a second by Ben Allen.

BB Strategic Visioning, Planning & Budget Update

Sarah Squirrell updated Council members there will be a preliminary budget developed in February, draft in March and a full budget vote at the May

Committee and Task Force Report Out

Nominating Committee

Reeva Murphy is Co-Chair of this and they are looking to round out representation on this Committee. Next meeting will be in February via conference call. If you are interested to serve on this committee please let Sarah know. Part of this committee's work is to examine membership requirements and statutory memberships. As Co-Chair of the committee Reeva presented the immediate needs:

- Motion made by Reeva Murphy to re-elect David Young for Treasurer for a successive term with a second by Charlie Biss. All members voted in favor of this.
- Motion made by Kim Coe to re-elect Reeva Murphy as Co-Chair with a second by Ben Allen. All designated members voted in favor of this.
- Motion made by Kim Coe to re-elect Betsy Rathbun-Gunn as Co-Chair with a second by Ben Allen. All appointed members voted in favor of this.

http://cdn.buildingbrightfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/BBF_Nominating-Committee_Report.pdf

Substance Use & Opiate Task Force

Kim Coe is Co-Chair of this committee. There has been very rich discussion on this task force, data analysis and systems discussions. They will be meeting again in February to pull together a very precise document on how we can come together and next steps on how to best support Vermont families.

Vermont Insights Business Plan Presentation

Facilitated by Sarah Squirrel and Nick Adams, this presentation touched upon the benefits and utilization of Vermont Insights. Vermont Insights is the first in go-to data hub for Vermont specific child, family and community data. Vermont Insights a project of Building Bright Futures provides:

1. Well-designed and comprehensive one-stop data, free to the public, shopping experience for all data seekers.
2. Economical and beneficial distribution platform for data producers.
3. Simple and flexible alternative platform solution for organizations looking for a public data reporting infrastructure.

Sarah also reviewed what it takes financially to run Vermont Insights, current base operating budget and projected financials for FY18, FY19 and FY20. The full Business Plan can be found here:

http://cdn.buildingbrightfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Vermont-Insights_Business-Plan-01_20_17-v2.pdf

How Are Vermont's Young Children and Families Report Presentation

Sarah acknowledged the great work and support of Let's Grow Kids on this report and extended a sincere thank you. Press around this report has been great and the press release held on January 11th showed amazing representation. Sarah provided the State Council with an overview of the report. The complete presentation can be found here:

<http://cdn.buildingbrightfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/HAVYCF-Presentation-BBF-SAC-Jan-23.pdf>

Legislative Update

Matt Levin

<http://vermontearlychildhoodalliance.org/legislative-agenda/2017/2017-legislative-agenda>

Focus Area Topic: Supporting the Social & Emotional Well-Being of VT's Children in Early Care & Learning Settings

This focus topic agenda will span the course of 2 meetings, this being the first.

Policy- Review Federal Policy Statements & Recommendations related to pre-k suspension & expulsion. Julie Cadwallader Staub recommends a task force to tackle this. You can find the current policies on expulsion and suspension here: <http://buildingbrightfutures.org/governance/state-advisory-council/>

Data- Charlie Biss shared with the council data on both Adverse Childhood Experiences among Vermont Adults 18-44 years (ACEs) and Adverse Family Experiences among Vermont Children and Youth <1-17 years (AFEs) Charlie relayed that 1 out of every 5 Vermonters, at reproductive age, have experienced four or more AFEs. The complete data can be found here: <http://buildingbrightfutures.org/governance/state-advisory-council/>

Program & Service Delivery- Cheryl Huntley, CSAC. Designated Agencies are all private non-profits which receive most of their funding through the state. The majority of the work is home and community based work and they hold very strong school relationships. Designated Agencies hold a different expertise and there are currently targeted areas of discussion:

1. Intentional/ family focus
2. Contracts with schools to provide effective transition work
3. Trauma work; staff are trauma informed and have expertise in trauma
4. Applied behavioral analysis; behavior consultation which is great for kids on the autism spectrum
5. Population health and improvement

Cheryl talked about benefits of joint trainings for staff and a culture of collaboration, bringing things together to support a family; system of care language is very important and the opportunity to involve mental health in early MTSS.

Children's Integrated Services- Terry Edgerton presented to the Council current CIS initiatives:

- Evidence Based Home Visiting
- CIS Data System
- Specialized Childcare

Early Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (EMTSS)- Maureen Sullivan reviewed the Pyramid model for social and emotional competence. Over the next five years, Early MTSS will continue to offer professional development to regional cohort leaders and early childhood practitioners based on the pyramid model, a tiered framework of evidence-based strategies.

This tiered framework of universal promotion, prevention and intervention is the model for delivering a comprehensive range of evidence based practices, strategies and resources to families and early childhood practitioners with the goal of improving early learning, social and emotional well-being and competence for Vermont's young children birth thru age 8. All children deserve a program that is nurturing, supportive and responsive.

Project LAUNCH- Project in review 2013-2015 given by Traci Sawyers. Traci highlighted outcomes and collaboration results.

Howard Center- Kelly Miller with Early Childhood programs talked to the council about how Early Childhood mental health consultation links together with LAUNCH and EMTSS. Howard often gets called in when behavioral problems arise in kids. In recent years there has been a paradigm shift in how people think about challenging behavior. Training has occurred on the pyramid model and learning has been done from Georgetown University on how to do this work. This helps to firm up infrastructure and confirms that the pyramid model is a way to promote resilience. Collaborating with teachers has over time created a really great model; building relationships, routines, rituals. The pyramid model is a framework to change the conversation we are having about kids by:

- teaches skills where skills are not
- encourages rituals to put worries aside- kids job is to come to the classroom and have fun
- creates a positive climate, culture of caring "I treat myself nice, I treat my things nice, I treat my friends nice"

SAC Discussion- There was brief discussion and some key areas were identified as we move forward and begin thinking about part 2 of this focus topic area:

1. Home visiting programs in Vermont
2. Family support as a key factor
3. Highlights of community outreach and leadership
4. Data gaps as we move through this process

Next Meeting- Monday March 27th 12-3:00pm

Vermont Insurance Agents Association

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