



HARNESSING THE POWER OF VERMONT COMMUNITIES TO IMPACT CHILD & FAMILY WELL-BEING

September 26, 2016 BBF SAC Meeting Highlights

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Opioid and Substance Use in Vermont Topic of September Meeting

On September 26, 2016, 16 members of the Building Bright Futures (BBF) State Advisory met in Williston to take up one of most pressing issues facing young children and families in the state – opioid and substance abuse.

Members heard from **Barbara Cimaglio**, Deputy Commissioner, VT Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program and BBF Regional Coordinators, **Dawn Powers** ([Caledonia & Southern Essex Building Bright Futures](#)) and **Robin Stromgren** ([Bennington Building Bright Futures](#)) about the impact of the substance use and opioid epidemic upon Vermont's children and families. **Kathleen Paterson** of BBF's [Vermont Insights](#), shared data snapshots on the trends of opioid, alcohol and tobacco use in the general population, treatment and recovery data, as well as child, parent and family well-being outcomes.

Key discussion points included:

- Prevention vs. treatment
- Better linkages of early care and education to this issue
- Using peer to peer networks to “stick with me” through process
- Ensuring family centered approaches
- Relationships matter – how to better coordinate support systems across sectors so support people do not change so often
- Opiate vs. other substance use: actual impact on pregnant women and newborns – we need to know what's really going on
- Professional development opportunities linking sectors

[Data: See Substance Use & Opiate Epidemic PowerPoint](#)



**Barbara Cimaglio, Deputy
Commissioner, ADAP**

(Photo: Debra McLaughlin, BBF)



Robin Stromgren and Dawn Powers

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Welcoming Chloe Leary: SAC's Newest Member!

Welcome to the newest member of our State Advisory Council, **Chloe Leary**! Chloe has been the Executive Director of the Winston Prouty Center for Child Development since July 2007, and was a "Prouty Parent" for 5 years previously. She graduated from Boston University in 2000 with a dual degree MBA/MPH, focusing on Healthcare Management. After two years working at the Brattleboro Retreat as a Data Analyst she became Director of Operations at Monadnock Developmental Services in Keene, NH.



We also extend a warm welcome to **Kenneth Jones**, designee from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

Other Meeting Highlights

- **BBF Strategic Update:** There are four state-wide initiatives, which offer BBF opportunities to play roles in Vermont's Early Childhood System. [Opportunity Overview](#).
- **State Advisory Council Process and Operating Vision:** [Powerpoint](#) and [Calendar](#).
- **Teacher Compensation Report** Distributed.
- **Vermont Early Childhood Alliance FY17 Legislative Agenda Items** Confirmed.
- **Nominating and Finance Committees** Established.
 - **Nominating Committee:** Chair, Reeva Murphy; Members: Maleka Clarke, Kim Keiser, Kim Coe, Matt Levin
 - **Finance Committee:** Chair, David Young; Members: Julie Cadwallader-Staub, Breena Holmes

Next Meeting

- **Monday, November 28, 2016: 12 Noon – 3 PM**, Building Bright Futures SAC; **3 PM – 4 PM** ELC-RTT Challenge Grant Advisory Board Meeting, both at 600 Blair Park Road, Williston. Access our [Calendar](#).

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