



Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council (BBF SAC)
Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2015 12:00-4:00
600 Blair Park, Williston, VT 05495

Present: Eddie Gale, Ben Allen, Betsy Rathbun-Gunn, Breena Holmes, Mary Burns, Kim Keiser, Stacy Weinberger, Bill Frank, Reevea Murphy, Charlie Biss

By phone: Robin Stromgren, Peg Bolgioni, Dawn Powers, Steve Ames

Absent: David Zuckerman, Kevin Mullin, Rebecca Holcombe, Pat Moulton, Maleka Clarke, Tim Volk, David Young, Kim Coe, Julie Cadwallader-Staub, Kristin Mason, Stephanie Winters

Community Partners/Guests: Matt Levin, Mark Sustic, Aly Richards, Carolyn Wesley, Bethany Hale, Ann Dillenbeck, Amy Bolger

Staff: Julie Coffey, Katie Mobbs, Karen Conner, Deb McLaughlin, Cynthia Greene, Beth Truzansky, Becky Raymond, Thom Firlik

Call to Order and Welcome

Mary Burns called the meeting to order at 12:05pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Consent Agenda

The Board passed the minutes from September 28, 2015; Bill Frank made a motion to accept with a second by Eddie Gale.

FY16 Budget Vote

Thom reviewed the proposed FY16 budget. Betsy Rathbun-Gunn made a motion to accept it, with a second by Eddie Gale. The board unanimously passed the budget.

Action Plan Feedback Loop “in action” by Cynthia Greene

Action Plan Committee- Early Learning and Development

Follow up on the funding to support teacher licensure discussion that was held during the State Council meeting on September 23rd. The request went to the Early Learning and Development Committee for them to take this on, the group met this month and the committee has agreed to this. The leadership group will take a deeper dive before the next Council meeting in January, develop a work plan and identify viable funding opportunities and resources. There will be collaboration on this with the Blue Ribbon Commission.

Action Plan Committee- Data and Evaluation

The D&E Committee is conducting a white paper on opiate addiction which is an exploration of mind the gap topic; data gap. Many Council members have strong feelings about this topic and rich discussion ensued regarding the purpose of this paper and the exact data it should cover.

Cynthia reviewed the process of the feedback loop and utilizing the Executive Committee for more issues:

1. Review options of topics
2. Substance abuse as a whole
3. How it relates regionally and to the Action Plan

Federal Re-Authorization of Child Care Development Block Grant by Reeva Murphy

Reeva briefly reviewed CCFAP :

Very few families income out, there is money set aside for quality improvement.

Blue Ribbon Commissions work- new rules have been set, there will be an asset test equivalent to one million dollars.

Everyone that receives subsidy will have at least an annual visit, this means they would have to visit legally exempt providers as well.

Ken Schatz is in support of finger printing the 5,000-6,000 currently in the database that work in early childhood.

Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) :

This block grant is very prescriptive around quality but is also very exciting. There are a lot of difficult “Sophie’s Choices” happening in states. Sometime in the near future, Reeva will come present budget. There will be webinars in early

December that will be open to regions, a collaborative inbox has also been set up.

Council members asked “what can we do to support this”

- Pay attention, when the plan comes out in January, she will circulate and feedback is welcome. March 1 submission date.

The Permanent Fund- Vision, Mission and partner opportunities by Aly Richards

The Permanent Fund is on a 10 year mission to create high quality child care and they will do everything it takes to get that done. The Council should know, this is not being done in a vacuum. At the end of the 10 years, we will have accomplished the goal of quality child care. This will be accomplished by building sustainability in the system which will occur via public investment in this system.

Turrell Fund, Henderson, will be utilized as a platform for getting to other issues. It helps to think of this as a 2 generational approach.

There will be a total of 80% participation in STARS program by the end of this year and that is a tremendous accomplishment.

There will be a “deep dive” taking place to examine the ten projects currently under way.

Susan Elliott has begun surveying businesses to look at how they can do more and create local champions.

Talk about the philanthropic vision and how it is shared. The majority of Aly’s job is to be a big picture thinker, she has an important mission complete and there is much more work to do to work with our regional partners.

Philanthropy in VT is not just AD Henderson, Turrell Fund and the Permanent Fund. A goal is to sustain Turrell Fund’s interests but to get other philanthropy engaged in VT

The Henderson and VCPC - relationship came organically, it was an opportunity to support publically funded pre-school. What can be done re: the public will. The Permanent Fund - how to create the opportunities and support them. We are honestly working out this relationship.

Aly’s role is new, direct and clear with their timeline and direct mission. VB5 Becky Gonyea (formerly VB3 and VT Preschool Collaborative). The idea is to continue VCPC until Act 166 is implemented. VB3 started with mentoring and now is working on STARS quality, participation has moved from 14% to 75% this year.

The Permanent Fund is committed to not duplicating any work in the field. How can we make sure as a community and as a state, that these efforts can be sustained.

Next Meeting- Monday January 25th 12-4:30pm
We will be joined by the ELC committee from 3-4:30

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