Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council (BBF SAC)
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2020 (via Zoom)

**SAC Members Present:** Cheryle Wilcox, Emily Merrill, Chloe Leary, Aly Richards, Renee Kelly, Christy Swenson, Auburn Watersong, Steven Berbeco, Kate Rogers, Representative Jessica Brumsted, Julie Cadwallader Staub, Amy Johnson, Flor Diaz Smith, Kim Keiser, Nicole Grenier, Janet Kilburn (standing in for Breena Holmes)

**Absent:** Ken Jones, Breena Holmes

**Community Partners/Guests:**
Matt Levin, VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance
Lisa Kuehn with Vermont Child Care Industry and Careers Council (VCCICC)
Karen Bielawski-Branch from CDD - CIS Strong Families VT Home Visiting Administrator
Jen Olson, Intern with BBF, Mentor Teacher at UVM Campus Children’s School
Ric Reardon, Director of Education at Castleton
Ann Dillenbeck, STARS Assessor
Becky Millard, Director of Northern Lights at CCV
Eddie Gale- AD Henderson Foundation
Amy Brooks - Early Care and Education Association (Upper Valley region)
Morgan Cole, Director of Children’s Integrated Services at DCF-CDD
Sharon Halnon, Chittenden CIS Specialized Child Care Coordinator @ Child Care Resource
Sara Leblanc- Owner Next generation, VT (Georgia’s Next Generation and Next Generation Northern Campus)
Stacy Garciaidealba, Vermont 211, Southeast Vermont AND Family Services, DCF, Springfield District Office
Kheya Ganguly, Assistant Director of Youth and Family Services, United Counseling Service, Bennington
Noreen Shapiro-Berry, School Department Director at Northeast Kingdom Human Services
Gretchen Elias, Good Beginnings of Central Vermont
Chelsea Cordner - VCHIP Project Director
George Karabakakis CEO from HCRS the designated community MH agency in Windham and Windsor Counties

**Staff present:** Morgan Crossman, Beth Truzansky, Katie Mobbs, Julia Andrews, Jay Austin, Amanda Biggs, Linda Michniewicz, Robin Stromgren, Dora Levinson, Ellen Taetzsch, Liz Fleury, Anne Latulippe

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**Welcome & Introductions**

**Welcome all in attendance, review agenda**

1. **Key Agency Updates and Responses to COVID-19 Emergency**
2. Roundtable Discussion on Family Safety and Mental Health

Information sharing and discussion

Morgan welcomed the group and reiterated that BBF’s role under Act 104 is still the same as we navigate COVID-19: to support communities by identifying their needs and gaps within the early childhood service system, and bringing people together to strategize and take action within regions and at the state level. BBF ensures that all of our different early childhood partners are working together and coordinating to meet the needs of families. Just as important, we’ve been directly connecting with our agency partners and other decision-makers to make sure they understand the questions, concerns and needs of those on the ground. We are also disseminating guidance for EC practitioners and families from our agency partners.

BBF has been monitoring the system and elevating the needs of families and providers as they emerge.

3. Next Steps

4. Adjourn

1:30pm meeting adjourned

Next Meeting- Monday May 18, 2020 | 1:30-3pm
Via Zoom