



**Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council (BBF SAC)
Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2020 (via Zoom)**

SAC Members Present: David Young, Emily Merrill, Chloe Leary, Aly Richards, Renee Kelly, Christy Swenson, Auburn Watersong, Melissa Reigel-Garrett (on behalf of Steven Berbeco), Kate Rogers, Representative Jessica Brumsted, Julie Cadwallader Staub, Stacy Weinberger, Amy Johnson, Ken Jones, Flor Diaz Smith, Kim Keiser

Absent: Cheryle Wilcox, Breena Holmes, Nicole Grenier

Community Partners/Guests: Andrea Malinowski, RiseVT Bennington County Program Manager
Rosy Metcalfe- RiseVT Program Manager, Chittenden County
Matt Levin, VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance
Jennifer Chitgopker, Champlain Valley Head Start
Cynthia Greene - VTAEYC and Shelburne Farms/VTFEED
Becky Gadue, Head Start County Supervisor
Janet Kilburn, VT Dept of Health
Karen Bielawski-Branch from CDD - CIS Strong Families VT Home Visiting Administrator
Elizabeth Gilman, Help Me Grow VT Program Manager
Jen Olson, Intern with BBF, Mentor Teacher at UVM Campus Children's School
Emmy Wollenburg, RiseVT Program Design and Implementation Manager.
Amy Brooks, Early Care and Education Association of the Upper Valley
Paul Behrman, VT Head Start Association and Champlain Valley Head Start
Rey Garofano, Vermont Child Development Division
Ivy Crowe- child care provider. Northeast Kingdom
Rebecca Webb- Winooski Valley Superintendents Association Regional Coordinator
Sandra Graves, Champlain Valley Head Start
Hilary Watson, Family Engagement Coordinator, Children's Integrated Services, Child Development Division
Pamela Fontaine- Director of Y Early Childhood Program @ St. Albans
Alyssa Blask Campbell- founder of Seed & Sew- emotional development support for early childhood
Katie Lavalley, PDG B-5 Communications & Outreach Coordinator with CDD
Eli Hawgood, PDG Grant Manager
Michele Butler Gilbert, RiseVT Program Manager, Addison County
Ann Dillenbeck, STARS Assessor
Becky Millard, Director of Northern Lights at CCV
Lauren Smith from The Health Department and Help Me Grow Coordinator
Eddie Gale- AD Henderson Foundation

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

Welcome & Introductions

Welcome all in attendance, review agenda

1. SAC General Business

Membership transitions and appreciations- Executive Director outlined membership transitions and appreciations for 2 State Advisory Council Members completing their terms at this meeting: Stacy Weinberger, At-Large council member, and David Young, co-chair of the SAC and member of the BBF Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is composed of 5 SAC members, including 1 public and 1 private co-chair. The current public co-chair is Cheryle Wilcox. SAC nominations for the co-chair position are introduced by the Executive Committee and are then brought before the full board.

The Executive Committee presented a nomination for Chloe Leary as the SAC co-chair to succeed David Young as the private co-chair. The Executive Director asked the SAC if there was a motion for Chloe Leary to become the private co-chair of the State Advisory Council. A motion was made by Aly Richards, and seconded by Julie Cadwallader Staub, SAC members were in favor of the motion, none opposed the motion, and 1 abstained. Based on the public vote, Chloe Leary nomination was accepted.

2. Key Agency Updates and Responses to COVID-19 Emergency

- Agency of Education- Chris Case and Kate Rogers
- Child Development Division- Steven Berbeco
- Vermont Department of Health- Janet Kilburn

3. Assessing changing needs of families, community partners and State Agencies

Information sharing and discussion

In light of the COVID-19 crisis evolving in Vermont and across the world, BBF held its first ever, all virtual State Advisory Council meeting this month, attended by more than 65 early childhood leaders (see listing at the bottom of this post). Given the rapidly changing needs of our families, [Building Bright Futures](#) has been strategizing about how the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic impacts the needs of children and families in Vermont and our role. The Council meeting brought together state agencies with regional partners. Consistent with BBF's charge under Act 104, BBF continues to convene communities, now virtually, to share information, monitor the system, problem-solve, align our efforts, and strategize to support a collaborative and integrated response as the pandemic evolves. The meeting created the space to provide critical updates from key State Agency partners, share regional stories of how are we seeing families and communities display resilience in these challenging times, and identify gaps or barriers that will require strategizing and coordinated response. The discussion informed how BBF can best support the EC system.

4. Next Steps

5. Adjourn

1:30pm meeting adjourned

**Next Meeting- Monday April 27, 2020 | 1:30-3pm
Via Zoom**