



**Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council (BBF SAC)
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2020 (via Zoom)**

SAC Members Present: Cheryle Wilcox, Emily Merrill, Chloe Leary, Aly Richards, Renee Kelly, Ken Jones, Auburn Watersong, Steven Berbeco, Kate Rogers, Julie Cadwallader Staub, Flor Diaz Smith, Nicole Grenier, Janet Kilburn (standing in for Breena Holmes)

Absent: Christy Swenson, Kim Keiser, Breena Holmes, Representative Jessica Brumsted, Amy Johnson

Community Partners/Guests:

Matt Levin, VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance

Karen Bielawski-Branch from CDD - CIS Strong Families VT Home Visiting Administrator

Ann Dillenbeck, STARS Assessor

Eddie Gale- AD Henderson Foundation

Sharon Halnon, Chittenden CIS Specialized Child Care Coordinator @ Child Care Resource

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

Welcome & Introductions

Welcome all in attendance, review agenda

1. SAC General Business

- a. Consent Agenda-** The board passed the minutes from the March 23, 2020 State Council Meeting. Flor Diaz Smith made a motion to accept, with a second by Julie Cadwallader Staub. Majority of members voted in favor of approving, Ken Jones and Cheryle Wilcox abstain from the vote.

The board passed the minutes from the April 27, 2020 State Council Meeting. Julie Cadwallader Staub made a motion to accept, with a second by Aly Richards. Majority of members voted in favor of approving, Ken Jones abstains from the vote.

- b. State Advisory Council membership update-** our State Advisory Council is composed of public representatives and governor appointed private partners. We have 4 vacancies we are working to fill including a private health partner, 1 private (could be public school) education partner, a representative from the Vermont Senate and a private undesignated partner. COVID shutdown paused this recruitment, though we're feeling ready to resume the work to fill these vacancies. Members can serve up to 2 two-year terms.

c. FY21 Budget

Morgan reviewed the budget development process and priorities:

- Ensuring the alignment and continuity of services as Vermont's foundational early childhood public-private partnership to convene, monitor and advice

- Engagement of multiple voices across sectors through our regional council network to advise the State Advisory Council, Legislature and Administration.
- Priority areas- Children's mental health supports
Addressing a crisis in the early childhood workforce across sectors
- Facilitating strategic planning through targeted updates to Vermont's Early Childhood Action Plan, with the leadership of our ECAP committees
- Promoting family engagement and leadership and aligned 0-5 mixed delivery system across public and private partners under the federal PDG B-5 grant
- Identifying and using the most up-to-date, high quality data to inform policy

The budget being presented to you to today, has been thoroughly reviewed by the Executive Committee and will be voted on during a one hour meeting to be held on Monday June 22nd.

Comments/discussion from SAC members

- Chloe Learey sees hope around the diversity of funding to support the sustainability of BBF
- Cheryle Wilcox PDG has provided the opportunity to show incredible dedicated work by BBF team
- Aly Richards is grateful to have good leadership, this budget does not represent a huge cliff at all and is interested in hearing about the vision for the new position for Vermont Insights also the policy/think tank need makes perfect sense
- Julie Cadwallader Staub agrees with Aly and sees an opportunity for BBF to lean in on data and policy and the ability to cross agencies with data
- Flor Diaz Smith this budget looks great but is slim on professional development, as a council member she wants to be sure you all can pursue your interests since you wear so many hats
- Renee Kelly longitudinal outcomes for Head Start population is another opportunity to further this data collaboration work

2. Building Bright Futures' convening, monitoring and advising activities

- a. Update on Early Childhood Action Plan and Needs Assessment activities- BBF is working to conclude the Needs Assessment and Early Childhood Action Plan update by June 30th
- b. Gathering input on a virtual ECAP Summit-ECAP committees continue to meet and will review final documents
- c. Vision for the 2020 *How Are Vermont's Young Children and Families Report* (HAVYC)
 - We will be shifting the timeline for the release of the report to September.
 - Recommendations from the SAC will be moved from the end of the report to the beginning and will be featured.
 - Vermont Insights will be used to compliment the report with national indicators and longitudinal data
 - New content: limitations, COVID response, Needs Assessment and ECAP Update summary, vulnerable children (disabilities, special health care needs)

Questions/Comments

Renee Kelly please consider adding kids experiencing homelessness and children in foster care

3. Adjourn

1:30pm meeting adjourned

**Next Meeting- Monday June 22nd, 2020 | 1:30-2:30pm
Via Zoom**