



Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council (BBF SAC)
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2016 12:00-3:00
600 Blair Park
Williston, VT 05495

Present: Eddie Gale, Betsy Rathbun-Gunn, Reeva Murphy, Ben Allen, Kim Keiser, Charlie Biss, Aly Richards, Bill Frank, Kim Coe, Julie Cadwallader Staub, David Young, Breena Holmes, Stephanie Winters, Kate Rogers, Chloe Learey

Absent: Maleka Clarke, David Zuckerman, Kristin Mason, Stacy Weinberger, Kevin Mullin

By Phone: Kathleen Paterson, Sarah Buxton, Dawn Powers, Amy Johnson, Ellen Taetzsch, Steve Ames
Community Partners/Guests: Matt Levin, Ann Dillenbeck, Amy Bolger, Lee Lauber, Mark Sustic, Sue Ryan

Staff: Sarah Squirrell, Katie Mobbs, Deb McLaughlin, Cynthia Greene, Beth Truzansky, Dana Anderson, Nick Adams

Welcome, Introductions & Other Business

Betsy Rathbun-Gunn called the meeting to order at 12:17pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Consent Agenda

The Board passed the minutes from September 26, 2016; Eddie Gale made a motion to accept with a second by Bill Frank.

New SAC Members and Members Departing

Kate Rogers was welcomed as the representative for Agency of Education. Bill Frank was thanked for his many years of service to the State Advisory Council; this is his last meeting as he has chosen to retire from the Vermont House.

State Advisory Council- Duties and Powers

Sarah Squirrell distributed the BBF State Advisory Council Act 104 duties and powers document to members, this document maps BBF's work as a backbone organization to the statutory responsibilities. Sarah indicated this is the frame for the BBF State Advisory Council to view its work, focus on upcoming agenda topics and how that can be translated into recommendations for the Council to consider on an ongoing basis.

http://cdn.buildingbrightfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/SAC_Powers-and-Duties_Mapping.pdf

Focus Area Topic: Substance Abuse & Opiate Epidemic; Impact on VT's Children

Panel members: Adrienne Woike (VCHIP), Karen Shea (DCF), Breena Holmes (VDH), Kim Coe (Lund), Amy Danielson (ADAP), Mindy Parisi (Central VT Hospital), Susan Bruce (Addison County)

Sarah Squirrell led the discussion on this important and urgent topic and indicated that we need to think of the children/families impacted by this issue. In September Barbara Cimaglio spoke at the Council meeting and issued a "call to action" for all members of the BBF State Advisory Council to come together to work on this issue.

Adrienne Woike presented to the Council recent VCHIP data and the goals to improve care for Opioid-exposed newborns.

See power point here:

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The BBF State Advisory Council then heard regional voice discussions from Mindy Parisi and Susan Bruce who are working in programs in Addison and Central Vermont areas, these are hands programs designed to support mothers and families who are struggling with addiction.

Karen Shea from DCF presented to the Council on recent custody trends and the impact of Opioids on child welfare caseloads. Currently Vermont has the 7th highest rate of children entering custody in the country.

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Kim Coe with Lund discussed what opportunities exist for the BBF State Council and this call to action. In her experience, “turning the curve” starts with prevention. The focus on family centered practice and two generation focus in vital, which also links to prevention. The language piece is so important. What do we mean when the term “treatment” is being used? There needs to be family centered treatment as MAT rarely alone accomplishes recovery. The PCC network uses the two generation approach. For example, 100% of babies born at Lund are born free of substances, and 94% of families report increased attachment. We treat the whole family when we can use this approach. LUND also uses ACES and the Strengthening Families Framework.

Amy Danielson with ADAP is interested in finding ways to respond to what families need, there are opportunities to sustain family-centered practices but there needs to be funding for this and needs to have quality indicators.

Discussion of next steps ensued and some comments around the strategic areas are captured here:

- Form a sub-committee or task force that could meet in a time sensitive/limited way? There would be something tangible that could come back to the BBF SAC for consideration
- It is a great use of the BBF SAC to have a collective voice. Home visiting can help prevent substance abuse
- This is an opportunity to do more work with these same partners who can talk together and learn more about systems integration
- What would it take to lower the number of kids in custody in a collective impact effort? How do we think outside the child/family realm and how to engage other aspects of the state - business, environments (regional planners), to help answer that question?
- There needs to be a conscious building at the community level about this issue. To respond to the issue of transportation - what about neighbors transporting neighbors? When a child comes into crisis should be a rally cry for the community. Grassroots community building around this could be powerful.
- There are incredible stories in every community. It will be important for the BBF SAC to be thoughtful about community flavor while systemizing this issue.
- We do want to turn the curve on that trend on when kids come into custody. What can Vermont do better to strengthen families to avoid them coming to the state for help? How do communities and state agencies help parents to take care of kids?

In terms of next steps there was consensus to form a Task Force, those who have agreed to do this: Sarah Squirrel, Charlie Biss, Kim Coe, Kim Keiser, Chloe Learey and Kate Rogers. There will be an update on the Task Force progress at the next State Council meeting in January.

How are Vermont’s Young Children and Families Report HAVYC

Jen Horowitz from Let’s Grow Kids provided a brief update on the HAVYC report; this is a joint effort between BBF and LGK. As a result of budget constraints, the report will be shorter in length and is anticipated to be released on January 9, 2017.

Vermont Insights (Kathleen Paterson and Nick Adams) will be vetting all the data sources. They will be double-checking all the data sources. LGK will be going through all the citations so they will be streamlined and on track. All citations will be online, which is now becoming custom for research reports.

Marketing Partners is doing the design and layout for all the HAVYC report chapters and also on the Regional Pages.

There will be two final review sessions, November 30 and December 2. All BBF SAC members, Data & Evaluation Committee members and other stakeholders were invited to participate on the review.

BBF Strategic Visioning, Planning & Budget

Collective Impact: In BBF's role as a backbone organization, BBF participated in the Collective Impact conference and had Aly Richards, Reeva Murphy, Breena Holmes and Becky Raymond who participated with Sarah Squirrell as a moderator. Collective Impact (CI) is used to tackle and solve pressing social problems and BBF is used as a backbone organization at the state and regional level. A central question is how to create an authentic relationship between the state and the region as part of this role to have a backbone organization.

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Strategic Visioning & Planning

Sarah Squirrell shared the FY17 budget that showed some of the revenue opportunities available VDH (Help Me Grow), and Early MTSS. Visioning conversations with the Regional Coordinators has occurred and Sarah is also looking to convene leaders of the Regional Councils to talk about BBF's vision. Opportunities emerged due to vacancies in Rutland and Central Vermont and was an opportunity to explore a job sharing model. Both Lamoille/ Central VT have agreed as well as Rutland/Addison to have one Regional Coordinator serve two regions. Due to those vacancies and increases in funding because of HMG and Early MTSS, Sarah recommends that the BBF State Advisory Council maintain the remaining 10 Regional Coordinators at their full-time capacity rather than have a 10% reduction in hours as of 1/1/17. She also recommends that a stipend be given to the two Regional Coordinators who are taking on this work above and beyond. The pilot stipend is \$2K for six months for each Regional Coordinator taking on an additional region. Also, more funding can be added to the Early MTSS.

David Young made the motion to maintain the Regional Coordinators at 100% and add \$2K for each of the Regional Coordinators for six months who are sharing more than one region. Kim Keiser seconded the motion. All in favor - 100% unanimous.

Early Childhood Action Plan- Recommendations Report

Sarah Squirrell has been working on the Action Plan Strategic Plan and Goals. She has met with the Chairs of the Committees to determine how best to move forward on this work. The big picture is to increase the base budget to include funding for the position as of July 1, 2017 but the current funding for the Action Plan Coordinator ends 12/31/16. Recently approved by Ngozi, Early Learning Challenge-Race to the Top Technical Assistance funds could be used to hire someone part-time on a consulting capacity. There is an application process and anyone can apply to play this role. The budget could also include stipends for co-chair roles, funding for ECAP Committee work such as research and report writing. Sarah acknowledged the incredible work that Cynthia Greene has done in her role and she has graciously offered overlap until the consultant is hired. The Council applauded the incredible work that Cynthia Greene has done in her role as Action Plan Coordinator.

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Next Meeting- Monday January 23rd 12-3:00pm
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