

Blue Ribbon Commission on Financing High Quality, Affordable Child Care

First Meeting – September 2nd, 2015

Agenda

Overview and Function of Commission

- 10 min **Welcome & Commissioner/Attendee Introductions:**
- Name
 - Role on BRC (ie: parent, business community, etc)
 - 1 minute explanation of your interest in early childhood and why you accepted the Governor's nomination to serve
- Why are we here?** [Secretary Johnson/Jessica Gingras]
- 15 min **Origin, role and purpose Blue Ribbon Commission and how it fits into the big picture** [Julie Coffey, Building Bright Futures]
- How Administration and Legislature imagined this process would work. [Robyn Freedner-Maguire, Let's Grow Kids]
 - *BRC Support/Resources*
 - *Community and key stakeholder engagement*
 - *Research group*
 - What has the legislature asked to accomplish/what are the goals?

What We Know About Child Care in Vermont

Presented by Vermont Insights and the Child Development Division of the Department for Children and Families of the Agency of Human Services

- Introductions
 - Kathleen Patterson, Vermont Insights
 - Reeva Murphy, Child Development Division
- Defining quality and types of child care (10 min)
 - Types of Child Care
 - Informal Early Childhood Care
 - Regulated Child Care & Education
 - Quality of Care
 - Vermont Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS)
 - National Accreditation
- Overview of how we determine what we know about child care in VT
- Discussion of what we know about child care
 - Access to Child Care

- Quality of Child Care
- Affordability of Child Care and the Child Care Financial Assistance Program
- Cost of Providing Child Care

10 min **BREAK**

20 min Discussion of Key Questions: *What else do we need to know in order to achieve our goals and objectives?*

- Framework for the next year and a half

40 min How should the Commission structure its work over the next year to achieve goals and objectives?

- Timeline for Commission's existence
- Scope of work to be done
- Role of staff person for Commission.
- Role of the Commissioners
- Per diems
- Role of an outside consultant to compile the research
- Importance of public input and discussion of how best to capture it
- Upcoming meetings
- Communication between meetings/minutes distribution
- Rules of being a public body – open meetings, open records, accessibility to public of data collected

Wrap-Up

10 min Discussion of future meeting topics, next steps, call next meeting

10 min Public Comment Period?