



Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council (BBF SAC)
Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2017 11:00-12:00
Vermont Statehouse
Montpelier, VT

Present: Eddie Gale, Reeva Murphy, Charlie Biss, Betsy Rathbun-Gunn, Amy Fowler, Breena Holmes, Ben Allen, Chloe Learey (via phone), Stacy Weinberger, Donna Bailey, Richard Westman, Mike Mrowicki, Aly Richards, Julie Cadwallader Staub, Kim Keiser, Kenneth Jones

Absent: David Young, Martha Maksym, Nicole Grenier, Emily Merrill, Donna Bailey

Community Partners/Guests: Matt Levin, Cheryl Mitchell, Ann Dillenbeck, Cheryl Huntley, Jeff Francis

Staff present: Sarah Squirrell, Carolyn Wesley, Emilie Kornheiser, Katie Mobbs, Emily Masseur, Nick Adams, Margaret Maley, Beth Truzansky, Robin Stromgren. Phone- Chad Simmons, Dawn Powers, Steve Ames, Ellen Taetzsch,

1. Welcome, Introductions & Other Business

Sarah Squirrell called the meeting to order at 12:08pm and welcomed all in attendance.

a. Acknowledgement

Thank you to Charlie Biss will be retiring at the end of the year; Charlie has served on the SAC for the last four years and will be dearly missed.

b. Consent Agenda

The Board passed the minutes from September 25, 2017; Senator Westman made a motion to accept with a second by Julie Cadwallader Staub, all members voted in favor.

For a copy of the September 25, 2017 minutes click here:

<http://buildingbrightfutures.org/governance/state-advisory-council/>

c. BBF Key Upcoming Activities/Events

- Legislative Breakfast , Thursday, December 14th 9-10:30, Vermont State House Cafeteria
- How Are Vermont's Young Children & Families Press Release, January 10th 10:30-11:30, Vermont State House, Cedar Creek Room

2. How Are Vermont's Young Children & Families Report by Sarah Squirrell

a. Overview

• Purpose

- Objectively report on the current state of Vermont's young children and families
- Inspire interest, action and involvement in early childhood

• Goal

- Provide data, narrative and actionable recommendations to the Legislature, Administration and Governor
- To elevate the needs and issues of young children and their families

Report Release- the print edition will be officially released on January 10, 2018 at a press conference in Montpelier.

b. Review Report Content

SAC Action- Discussion and Report Review

Sarah pointed out that we just received this draft on Friday and have not made any internal edits. Rich discussion ensued and many edit suggestions were offered by SAC members.

Sarah reassured SAC members that BBF does have an advisory group that looks at this report, however, next year if the SAC would like a bigger role we will incorporate it into the timeline, perhaps holding a special meeting in October of 2018.

c. Recommendations Section

Proposed Recommendations Content for 2017 Report

- Building Vermont's Future from the Child Up Summit Report
- BBF Substance Use & Opiate Task Force Recommendations

3. BBF Substance Use Task Force Report

Cheryl Huntley reviewed the report and full recommendations with the council. Based on this review, council members provided Sarah with the feedback that they were very pleased with the content of the report, but would like to see the recommendations synthesized and refined to provide more clear direction for action.

Next, Ann Dillenbeck, Chair of the BBF Data & Evaluation Committee, and Emilie Kornheiser, Early Childhood Action Plan Director for BBF, presented the Substance Use Disorder and Its Impact on Children and Families Mind the (Data) Gap report, which has been in development for the last several years by the Data & Evaluation Committee. The report identifies the data gaps we face in answering key policy questions about substance use and how it affects Vermont children and families.

Council members agreed to embrace the report and its recommendations and consider what leverage points they can impact in closing the data gap. Simultaneously, the Data and Evaluation committee will convene a meeting of relevant data stewards who touch this data every day, and begin to move forward an alignment of measures across time, geography, and silos.

Council members decided to wait to hear about the Building Vermont's Future from the Child Up Report before making any decisions on what to include from the Substance Abuse Task Force Report in the recommendations for How Are Vermont's Young Children.

4. Building Vermont's Future from the Child Up | Summit Outcomes Report

Carolyn Wesley walked council members through the Building Vermont's Future From the Child Up Summit Report, which captures leading up to and during the October 3-4, 2017 Appreciative Inquiry design summit for Vermont's future early care and learning system. The bulk of this report is the ideas that came out of the design studios at the two day summit.

Carolyn asked council members to review the plan for next steps and affirm that we are on the right track. What do council members think would be most important to highlight in the How Are Vermont's Young Children & Families Report?

Council members considered both the Building Vermont's Future from the Child Up Summit Report and the Substance Use Task Force Report, and agreed this motion:

The council moves to ask BBF staff to create a recommendations section for How Are Vermont's Young Children & Families (HAVYC&F) report that includes:

- The recommendations of the Substance Abuse Task Force Report, as refined per SAC feedback, including highlighting substance abuse related data throughout HAVYC&F
- The next steps from the Building Vermont's Future from the Child Up Summit Report

The updated HAVYC&F recommendation section should be sent to SAC members for review via email. If members don't respond, it is assumed that they support the publishing of the recommendations.

Aly Richards made a motion to accept with a second by Breena Holmes.

All members voted in favor.

3:02pm Motion to adjourn the meeting

Next Meeting- Monday January 22nd | 12-3:00pm, Early Learning Challenge Grant portion 3-4:00pm
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