



Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council (BBF SAC)
Meeting Minutes
September 24th 12-3:00
600 Blair Park
Williston, VT 05495

Present: Reeva Murphy, Aly Richards, Julie Cadwallader Staub, Cheryle Bilodeau, Renee Swain, Nicole Grenier, Breena Holmes, Stacy Weinberger, Emily Merrill. Phone: Kim Keiser, Katie Watts, Chloe Learey, Kate Rogers

Absent: David Young, Donna Bailey, Sara Barry, Sue Ceglowski, Mike Mrowricki, Ken Jones, Richard Westman

Community Partners/Guests: Cynthia Greene, Andrea Racek, Lee Lauber, Kelly Ault, Matt Levin, Janet Kilburn, Lauren Smith, Lynne Robbins, Sandra Cameron, Eddie Gale, Sarah Kenney, Ginger Farineau, Heather Mattison, Steve Ness

Staff present: Sarah Squirrel, Carolyn Wesley, Katie Mobbs, Nick Adams, Jay Austin, Julia Andrews, Amanda Biggs, Steve Ames. Phone: Dora Levinson, Darla Senecal, Ellen Taetzsch

1. Welcome, Introductions & Other Business

Sarah Squirrel called the meeting to order at 12:11pm.

a. Welcome all in attendance

b. Consent Agenda

The Board passed the minutes from July 23, 2018; Stacy Weinberger made a motion to accept, with a second by Julie Cadwallader Staub. All members voted in favor of approving the July 23rd minutes.

For a copy of the July 23, 2018 minutes click here:

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

c. Other Business

- i. Julie Cadwallader Staub will be starting with the Stern Center effective October 5, 2018, she will finish her term on the Council through March 2019.
- ii. Melissa Bailey has stepped down as Commissioner of Mental Health, she has accepted a position in PA and her last day will be October 26, 2018.

d. Review SAC Calendar

2 meetings have been added to the SAC annual calendar, those will be Monday October 22nd at the Vermont State House and February 25th held in Williston.

e. Update on Logo/Website/Tagline

Great input was received at the last SAC meeting, this has all been incorporated and we have almost arrived at a final logo. BBF will embark on a process to come up with a tagline with the help of the SAC and Executive Committee. The website will be ready in December, currently the plan is to launch all together.

Vermont will participate in the Preschool Development Grant Program, this is a federal grant being offered by the office of child care. David Rapaport has been hired as the grant writer, the deadline to submit is November 6th. For anyone looking for more federal information and requirements here is the link:

2. Systems and Policy | Building Vermont's Future from the Child Up Think Tank

- a. The State Advisory Council heard an update on the August 30th meeting of the Building Vermont's Future Think Tank, which includes several council members, as well as additional representatives from different sectors related to early care and learning. The Think Tank will respond to the charge of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Financing High Quality Affordable Child Care, build off the ideas of the Building Vermont's Future from the Child Up Summit report, and develop a comprehensive, actionable blueprint for Vermont's future Early care and learning system to be delivered to the legislature no later than January 2019. This group will meet again in October.

Carolyn walked council members through the draft report along with these emerging draft recommendations:

1. High-Quality Program Standards
2. Qualifications and Compensation for Professionals
3. Early Care and Learning Hubs
4. Dedicated Early Childhood Fund
5. New Sources of Revenue
6. Redesigned Family Subsidy

SAC members broke into groups and had a chance to pair/share to discuss and provide feedback.

3. Data & Monitoring | How are Vermont's Young Children & Families Report Review

- a. The State Advisory Council also heard an update on the How Are Vermont's Young Children and Families Report. The goals of the report include to meet Building Bright Futures' charge under Act 104 to monitor the wellbeing of young children and families, to provide objective and actionable recommendations to the Administration and Legislature, and to inspire Vermonters to become engaged and involved with the world of early childhood.

The work on the report to date has been centered around intentional research questions about the well-being of children and families and answering those questions with reliable data sources. The Advisory Committee for the report has been instrumental in affirming those questions and data sources. Working with the Advisory Committee ensures that we have the most robust sources for data.

The topics covered in the 2018 report include:

- Demographics (a new section this year)
- Family & Community (a combination of two chapters from last year- Safety and Family & Social Relationships)
- Health & Development
- Early Care & Learning
- Family Economic Wellbeing
- Regional Profiles

The final section of the report is Recommendations. This section will align with both the SAC Priorities and the Building Vermont's Future Think Tank Recommendations.

4. Collective Impact & Action | Early Childhood Action Plan Priorities & Strategies

- a. The SAC engaged in a Gallery Walk of Early Childhood Action Plan (ECAP) Priorities that arose from the ECAP Summit in July through the BBF Action Plan Committees. Each of the committee Co-chairs were present for this meeting and led discussions through the gallery walk. The priorities are based on specific outcomes for children and include possible strategies and action steps. They are also tied to specific state policy issues or needs.

b. SAC vote to approve priority areas, amended to read:

“The Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council moves to affirm the 2018-2019 priorities of the BBF Early Childhood Action Plan Committees, including Council feedback from this meeting. The Council requests Committees provide updates on their work to State Advisory Council throughout the coming year and report on accomplishments at the July 2019 Early Childhood Action Plan Summit.”

Breena Holmes made a motion to accept with a second by Aly Richards, all members voted in favor of affirming the ECAP priorities.

3:00pm Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting- Monday October 22nd | 11:30-3:00pm
Vermont State House
Room 11
Montpelier, VT
Phone in 802-231-1385 (no PIN required)