



Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council (BBF SAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
November 26, 2018

Present: Chloe Learey, Julie Cadwallader Staub, Stacy Weinberger, Cheryle Wilcox, Renee Swain, Amy Johnson, Reeva, Janet McLaughlin (designated by the Permanent Fund), Sue Ceglowski arrived during HAVYC report review.

On the phone: Kim Keiser, Breena Holmes, Emily Merrill, Ken Jones, Kate Rogers

Absent: David Young, Sara Barry, Aly Richards, Mike Mrowicki, Richard Westman, Nicole Grenier, Martha Maksym, Katie Watts

Community Partners/Guests: Eddie Gale, Lee Lauber, Bill Harvey, Matt Levin, Kate Webb, Carl Rosenquist, Linda Allen, Sarah Kenney, Kristy Vincent, Claire Kendall, Becca Shrader, Sharon Halnon, Andrea Racek, phone: Kelly Ault

Staff present: Sarah Squirrel, Carolyn Wesley, Katie Mobbs, Nick Adams, Jay Austin, Julia Andrews, Amanda Biggs, Dora Levinson, Darla Senecal, phone: Ellen Taetzsch, Dawn Powers, Robin Stromgren, Beth Truzansky,

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**1. Welcome, Introductions & Other Business**

Sarah Squirrel called the meeting to order at 12:08pm

**a. Welcome all in attendance, review agenda**

**b. Consent Agenda**

The board passed the minutes from both September 24 and October 22, 2018 meetings. Chloe Learey made a motion to accept, with a second by Cheryle Wilcox. All members voted in favor of approving. Abstain from October 22 minutes, Julie Cadwallader Staub.

**c. Membership Vote**

Amy Johnson, new SAC member as Donna Bailey stepping down, Amy has been appointed by Parent Child Center network. Motion made by Julie Cadwallader Staub with a second by Renee Swain, all members voted in favor. Welcome Amy!

**d. Nominating Committee**

The BBF SAC Nominating Committee convenes in December to look at openings that will be coming up in March 2019. Aly Richards, Chloe Learey and Julie Cadwallader Staub will be ending their first terms. The Nominating Committee will be convened if any of these do not wish to extend their terms, this committee is currently a bit thin so any members that wish to join please contact Carolyn.

**e. Review of SAC calendar**

There is no meeting in December, meetings in January and February.

**f. Update on BBF Logo and Tagline**

Website development is happening behind the scenes. Presenting 2 taglines for review and vote today

Logo development- Final logo has been landed on, however, we want to acknowledge thinking on some of the color choices. Discussion regarding the color palette ensued and BBF acknowledges members concerns, some are bulleted below. It was agreed that Bill Harvey will do some experimentation to tone down the pink some.

- Concerns that pink and blue reinforces gender dichotomy
- Difficult that logo looks different in print vs on screen
- Would like to see colors that support the Guiding Principles and are inclusive of each and every member of our early childhood community, including those who identify as gender non-binary.

Tagline- Members were given 2 taglines to choose from and asked to vote on their favorite using the dot system. The purpose of the tagline is to help people understand what BBF is about, and capture people emotionally, 5-7 words at most. A tagline is designed to invite people in to learn more.

## **2. How Are Vermont's Young Children & Families Report**

The Council reviewed a draft of the 2019 How Are Vermont's Young Children and Families report, including all chapter content and the Recommendations section. Council members also reviewed the purpose, goals and vision of the report to help ground any feedback. The SAC provided valuable input to further strengthen the content, and endorsed the overall direction of the report. The report will be release in January 2019.

SAC members were invited to send additional suggestions to BBF Communications Director Julia Andrews at [jandrews@buildingbrightfutures.org](mailto:jandrews@buildingbrightfutures.org)

## **3. Building Vermont's Future Think Tank Report**

The SAC walked through a final draft of the report from the Think Tank, with a focus on its six recommendations. This report represents the culmination of a multi-year effort to explore and develop recommendations for an enhanced, comprehensive, and integrated early care and learning system in Vermont, which incorporates the input of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Financing High Quality, Affordable Child Care, and the thinking of the Building Vermont's Future From the Child Up Summit. The group also discussed how consensus was reached, and how dissenting opinions are captured in the report to ensure that everyone's hard work and good thinking was captured.

After discussion, Julie Cadwallader Staub made the following motion:

"The Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council moves to endorse the report of the Building Vermont's Future from the Child Up Think Tank as a set of recommendations that serve to inform the ongoing development of the 0-5 early care and learning system"

The motion was seconded by Stacy Weinberger. All members voted in favor with the exception of Sue Ceglowski and Ken Jones who abstained from the vote.

## **4. BBF State Advisory Council annual policy & systems prioritization for 2019**

Members reviewed the top four priority areas for state level action that emerged at the October Assembly of the BBF State and Regional Councils. These were:

- Develop recommendations about changes to Act 166 to inform legislators (proactive vs. reactive) starting from common ground across settings
- Early MTSS training and coaching and implementation statewide with dedicated staff for programs (mental health consultation)
- Expanding Early Childhood mental health (supports, services, consultation)
- Ensuring access to affordable Professional Development coursework. Relevant coursework that will help people advance in their work (access public and private settings)

SAC members had a robust discussion around how to prioritize among these important topics for 2019. They considered which topics would be actionable, feasible, urgent, and cross-cutting across early childhood sectors.

Based on this discussion, the council identified the following two priorities for 2019:

- Expand and strengthen early childhood mental health supports, services, and consultation across multiple settings including, child care programs, schools, CIS, designated mental health agencies, medical homes, and other places where families might seek help.
- Identify strategies to grow the early childhood workforce across sectors (early care and learning, mental health, etc.).

**Next Meeting- Monday January 28<sup>th</sup> | 12- 3:00pm**

**Vermont State House**

**Room 11**

**Montpelier, VT**