



Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council (BBF SAC)
Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2018 11:00-12:30
Vermont State House
Montpelier, VT

Present: Reeva Murphy, Kim Keiser, Aly Richards, Julie Cadwallader Staub, Cheryle Bilodeau, Renee Swain, Nicole Grenier, Sara Barry, Sue Ceglowski, Emily Merrill, Mike Mrowricki, Chloe Learey, Katie Watts, Ken Jones, Richard Westman.

Absent: David Young, Amy Fowler, Breena Holmes, Stacy Weinberger, Donna Bailey

Community Partners/Guests: Kate Rogers and Katie McCarthy representing AOE. Other guests present.

Staff present: Sarah Squirrel, Carolyn Wesley, Katie Mobbs, Nick Adams, Margaret Maley, Beth Truzansky, Jay Austin, Amanda Biggs, Steve Ames, Dora Levinson, Robin Stromgren, Ellen Taetzsch

1. Welcome, Introductions & Other Business

Sarah Squirrel called the meeting to order at 11:05am

a. Welcome all in attendance

b. Consent Agenda

The Board passed the minutes from May 21, 2018; Sara Barry made a motion to accept, with a second by Richard Westman. All members voted in favor of approving the May 21st minutes. Julie Cadwallader Staub asked for notes to be amended to include Camille Catlett's last name. Ken Jones and Renee Swain abstain from the vote.

For a copy of the May 21, 2018 minutes click here:

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

c. New Communications Director, Julia Andrews

BBF is pleased to welcome Julia Andrews as our new Communications Director. Most recently, Julia comes from Vermont PBS. Her first day with BBF is July 30th.

The Council welcomed our newest designated member, Renee Swain, Head Start Collaboration Office Director.

d. Revised SAC Calendar

Sarah made the proposal to increase from 6 to 8 meetings annually, adding a meeting in October and February. Meetings will then be held in January, **February**, May, July, September, **October**, November. This would give the council opportunity to dive more deeply into the How Are Vermont's Young Children & Families report and strengthen the purpose of the SAC. Ken Jones made a motion to accept with a second by Julie Cadwallader Staub. All members voted in favor of adding two meetings annually in February and October.

e. Vermont Guiding Principles | Support Each and Every Child and Family's Full & Equitable Participation

Camille Catlett presented to the SAC in May, at that time SAC members wanted to take the time between May and July meetings to engage more deeply with the Guiding Principles document prior to endorsing the principles. Sarah is bringing it back to the council for possible endorsement.

Kim Keiser made a motion to accept with a second by Richard Westman. All members voted in favor of endorsing the Vermont Guiding Principles.

2. BBF Logo

BBF has been able to leverage Race to The Top funds to do some branding and re-design the logo. The Council welcomed Bill Harvey from Harvey Severance Design Firm who has been contracted to do this for us. Sarah asked council members to reflect on the top handful of designs

- i. What elements of each respective design resonate with you?
- ii. What is most successful in communicating the work of Building Bright Futures?
- iii. What specific considerations do you have for the Executive Committee as the move into the final process?

The Council vetted and was able to give feedback on the questions above, those have all been incorporated into the logo design process.

3. Building Vermont's Future from the Child Up Think Tank

- a. The State Advisory Council heard an update on the June 8th 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 August and October.

The Think Tank is working in small groups on three components of the future early care and learning systems where more concrete design recommendations are needed:

- 1. Developing and implementing financing mechanisms
- 2. Maximizing resources within the early care and learning delivery system
- 3. Assuring all children have access to high quality early care and learning programs

b. Feedback and discussion

In discussion, council members mentioned the importance of coming to agreement on several fundamental questions related to our future system, including:

- Economic research to better understand economic payback. What is quality education doing for the early education fund? Make linkages a positive on economic outcomes. Messaging and support, what services provide high quality/lower cost options?
- Financing mechanisms- are there three different ideas in relation to the early childhood fund?
- Maximizing resources- focus on existing resources and how to leverage these at the local level.
- Allow communities to be accountable, local control, what can be centralized vs what still needs flexibility.

12:25pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Julie Cadwallader Staub, with a second by Kim Keiser. All members voted in favor.

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