



**Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council (BBF SAC)
Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2019**

Present: David Young, Sue Ceglowski, Melissa Reigel-Garrett, Amy Johnson, Representative Jessica Brumsted, Julie Cadwallader Staub, Stacy Weinberger, Emily Merrill, Janet McLaughlin (for Aly Richards), Auburn Watersong
On Zoom- Chloe Learey, Renee Kelly

Absent: Cheryle Wilcox, Kenneth Jones, Kate Rogers, Breena Holmes, Senator Richard Westman, Katie Watts, Sara Barry, Nicole Grenier

Community Partners/Guests: Eddie Gale, Matt Levin, Lee Lauber, Amy Bolger, Lynne Robbins, Charlie Gliserman, Wanda Snyder ?? Michelle Maitri, Sandra Cameron, Heather Mattison, Linda Donigan
Staff present: Morgan Crossman, Katie Mobbs, Julia Andrews, Amanda Biggs, Jay Austin, Robin Stromgren, Steve Ames, Darla Senecal, Liz Hamel
On Zoom- Dora, Beth,

1. Welcome, Introductions & Other Business

David Young called the meeting to order at 12:04pm

a. Welcome all in attendance, review agenda

b. Consent Agenda

The board passed the minutes from the July 22, 2019 State Council Meeting. Sue Ceglowski made a motion to accept, with a second by Jessica Brumsted. All members voted in favor of approving.

c. Pre-School Development Grant Birth-Five (PDGB5) update

Morgan testified last Monday along with Ken Schatz with CDD and Joint Fiscal Office voted to approve accepting the PDGB5 grant funds. BBF will be mobilizing very quickly on this. BBF will be focusing on the needs assessment, this is a one year planning grant and we have applied to have an extension letting us carry on work for 10 months. There is an implementation grant that we will apply for and the deadline for that is November 5th

d. Upcoming Events

Review of meeting and important dates for the upcoming fiscal year.

- October 28th - Regional Council Leadership meeting with State Advisory Council, Fairfield Inn, White River Junction
- Early December- Legislative Breakfast TBD
- Early January- How Are Vermont's Young Children & Families Press Conference at the State House

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

Early Childhood Action Plan guides the changes we want to see for children and families ages 0-8. Over the course of the year we will work to review, and update the plan with support from the PDGB5 grant. In July, over 80 early childhood stakeholders gathered to celebrate the year's successes and guide the coming year's strategies, to look at what have we accomplished, what

the barriers are, and what are the deeper complex needs. Strategies were developed, many State Council members advised on what the priorities should be for this coming year. In the packet are the proposed priorities for SAC members were provided proposed priorities for approval, those can be found here: [ECAP Guide with Proposed Priorities](#)
Rich discussion ensued particularly around incorporation of performance measures and data.

ECAP Next Steps

From here, committees will:

- Write a work plan
- Invite new stakeholders
- Designate implementation teams
- Design/update performance measures
- Communicate with ECAP committees, Regional Coordinators and State Advisory Council
- Advise on ECAP update process

Council members and community partners engaged in a gallery walk to review priority areas and strategies by the six Early Childhood Action Plan results.

David Young, Co-Chair called for a vote: The Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council moves to affirm the 2019-2020 priorities of the BBF Early Childhood Action Plan Committees as part of the Action Plan implementation cycle.

Motion by Julie Cadwallader Staub to affirm Early Childhood Action Plan priorities, with a second by Stacy Weinberger. All members voted in favor of approving.

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

Status report by Julia Andrews of the purpose, goals and vision for the 2020 report. Primary goal is to meet our charge under Act 104 while inspiring to engage Vermonters as to what is going on around the state. Regional profiles tell the unique stories. Recommendations are driven by the SAC priorities.

Content overview & Progress to date: Julia reviewed data points and the regional profiles that tell the unique stories. Recommendations section are driven by the State Advisory Council priorities and there will be further discussion of those at the November 25th SAC meeting.

State Council members had time for discussion and questions.

4. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten- Bennington Regional Council

Guests: Linda Donigan, Bennington Free Library Children's Librarian and Robin Stromgren, Bennington BBF Regional Coordinator presented to the council the partnership program established in Bennington to support early literacy, this program has handed out over 3,000 books to young readers over the past 2 years.

5. Adjourn

2:51pm motion to adjourn by David Young. All members voted in favor

Next Meeting- Monday October 28th | 11:30-3:30pm
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
102 Ballardvale Drive
White River Junction, VT 05001