



**BBF Child Outcomes Accountability Team Notes**

**February 24, 2022 | 9:00-10:00 am**

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**Desired Outcomes**

- Share themes and an update on Vermont’s Child Care and Early Childhood Education Systems Analysis
- Review COAT priorities and focus

**Present:** Amy Johnson, Amy Murphy, Becca Webb, Ben Kim, Cooper Siegel, Cynthia Greene, Diane Nichols-Fleming, Jen Fortman, Jill Larson, Katie McCarthy, Lauren Smith, Matthew Gilwee, Michele Johnson, Pam McCarthy, Shelia Duranleau, Tabitha McGlynn, Wendy Scott, Jill Pearl, Anna Brouillette, Morgan Crossman, Elliot Regenstein

21 participants in attendance, representing 12 organizations/agencies and 1 parent.

Time	Agenda Item
9:00 - 9:05	<p><b>Introductions, Review Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome new members and attendees</li> <li>● Review the charge of COAT               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The BBF Child Outcomes Accountability Team works to improve integration and coordination of early childhood public and private partners committed to the health and well-being of children and their families.</li> <li>○ This team primarily monitors Goal 1 of the VECAP</li> <li>○ The group will inform strategies and monitor progress to ensure that children are healthy, thriving and developmentally on track from the prenatal period to third grade by promoting and monitoring outcomes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>in the following domains: physical health, development and educational outcomes, mental health outcomes, and basic needs outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Goal 1 also promotes the importance of prevention and early identification across the same domains.</li> <li>○ Importance of systems integration and strong systems for program governance and administration in order to best meet the needs of young children and their families</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Today’s meeting will be an opportunity to hear about the current status of ECSA and to provide feedback</li> </ul>
<p>9:05 - 9:50</p>	<p><b>ECSA Presentation</b></p> <p>The Foresight/Watershed team will join the Child Outcomes Accountability Team to share themes captured through over 85 early childhood stakeholders. Themes are outlined in the document, <a href="#">Vermont Child Care and Early Childhood Education Systems Analysis: Stakeholder Engagement Major Themes</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elliot Regenstein presented an update on the Systems Analysis and themes that have arisen to date from conversations with over 85 early childhood stakeholders. These themes are captured in the above document.</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions/Feedback -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The complexity and the depth of the research done is impressive - really important and necessary to examine the state’s processes, challenges, etc.</li> <li>● Looking back on the history of reform, studies, efforts in VT’s early childhood system (Blue Ribbon Commission, etc.) were those reports consistent with stakeholders’ current feedback, etc.? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aspirations and visions for the system remain largely the same, however many of them have yet to be achieved or realized.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● How federal or state funds that are available have dictated over time the system we have? Barriers we have to consider (financing wise) that need to be considered when designing or structuring a new system? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Upcoming Financing Study - <a href="#">RFP currently out</a> . Systems Analysis team and BBF will support the contractor(s) who conduct the Finance Study to understand the results/recommendations of the Systems Analysis.</li> <li>○ Upcoming Early Childhood Spending Inventory</li> <li>○ Federal funding can often be more flexible than states operate with it. How are we using each funding stream towards a specific function/goal - rather than thinking rigidly about financing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Great desire to see change and better outcomes for young children and families? But how do we make sure it really happens this time, versus getting stymied by political will, territorialism, etc.?</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Typically - Governors and legislatures are involved in the process enough to take the lead, endorse recommendations/vision, and fund/implement the system.</li> <li>○ Reason to be optimistic - based on the variety of partners that have been involved, the depth in which they have been involved, etc.</li> <li>● The importance of clarity of roles for next steps from the recommendations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If there is consensus, things will be more clear. A role for the advocacy community to play in organizing and determining roles, push the agenda, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
9:50 - 10:00	<p><b>Review COAT Priorities and Focus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review summary of results from JamBoard exercise last month</li> <li>● Last month we discussed (via a Jamboard exercise) what is currently working well for COAT, what process changes we want to make, and what focus areas or priorities we want to further elevate</li> <li>● Our next meeting will focus on digging into family engagement and an update home visiting but we want the committee to weigh in on and drive what additional topics we should prioritize for our agendas in the coming months.</li> <li>● Provide guidance on which ideas for topics, presentors, etc. to prioritize in the coming months - top 2 or three topics you wish to see the committee focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Children's MH</li> <li>● Basic Needs and Data Gaps</li> <li>● Data gaps &amp; I'd like to hear more about this team's interactions/work with child welfare. I think we could make real movement in this connection.</li> <li>● Please include peer supports in the family engagement conversation :-)</li> <li>● mental health &amp; well-being, data gaps, prenatal period</li> <li>● perinatal work!</li> <li>● Children's MH, including MH1stBTV</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Thank you Cynthia for your great thoughts. And Thank you Elliot for this great presentation and synthesis of the voices of stakeholders. I felt like my voice was heard. great work. excited to move things forward!</p>
10:00	<b>Adjourn</b>

**Quick Links**

February 24 COAT [Recording](#), Meeting focus: Systems Analysis Update

January 27 COAT [Recording](#), Meeting focus: COAT topic and process check-in, State of Vermont's Children data, and Updates

[November 18 COAT Notes](#), [recording](#), and [slides](#), Meeting focus: the Head Start Model and ASQ Developmental Screenings

[October 28 COAT Notes](#) and [recording](#), Meeting focus: the Act Early Needs Assessment and Early Intervention Services and Delivery

[September 9 recording](#), Meeting focus: Joint meeting with Early Learning and Development Committee including a presentation of EMTSS and PIES report

August 26 [recording](#), Meeting focus: the VIP-3 Grant and policy recommendations

[May 27 COAT Notes](#) and [recording](#), Meeting focus: SAC Recommendations, the early childhood mental health system, and pediatric health care

[April 22 COAT Notes](#), Meeting focus: Food security and nutrition programs' connection to the early childhood system

[March 25 Recording of COAT meeting](#), Meeting focus: Systems of supports for families impacted by substance use disorder

[About the Child Outcomes Accountability Team](#) and archived meeting materials

[2020 Vermont Early Childhood Action Plan](#)

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

March 24 - Family engagement

April 28 - TBD