



**Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council (BBF SAC)
Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2024 (Via Zoom)**

SAC Members Present: Flor Diaz Smith, Ilisa Stalberg, Becca Webb, Dimitri Garder, Kiona Heath, Jessica Brumsted, Debra Hartswick, Erica McLaughlin, Xusana Davis, Renee Kelly, Libby Daghlian, Janet McLaughlin, Carlie Thibault (non-voting) Eddie Gale, Cheryle Wilcox, Jessica Vintinner

Absent: Carol Lang- Godin, Christy Swenson, Amber Hewston, Sharon Harrington, Monica Ogelby, Ruth Hardy, Meg Porcella, Danielle Mitchell

Community Partners/Guests: Erin Roche, James Campbell, Cary Brown, Wendy Hubbard, Alyssa Mullan, Meg Baker, Becky Millard, Ammie Collins, Rebecca Baruzzi, Tonya Havens, Beverly Boget, Matt Levin, Kristen Wood, Sherry Carlson,

Staff present: Morgan Crossman, Beth Truzansky, Kate Bailey, Katie Mobbs, Anna Brouillette, Kelly Hayes, Michelle Kersey, Courtney Hillhouse, Dora Levinson, Linda Michniewicz, Valerie Wood, Darla Senecal, Tanya LaChapelle, Ali Dieng, Martha Braithwaite

This meeting was recorded and that recording can be found here:

Welcome & Introductions

1. Welcome, mindful moment, review agenda

2. SAC General Business

a. September 2024 SAC Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the September 23, 2024, minutes was made by Dimitri Garder, with a second from Jessica Brumsted. There were none opposed. Renee Kelly abstained from the vote. All members voted in favor of approving September 23, 2024 minutes.

3. Final presentation, discussion and vote to endorse the 2025 Policy Recommendations of the Vermont Early Childhood State Advisory Council Network

The Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council, in its role as advisory body for Vermont's early childhood system, moves to endorse the Recommendations (with any edits) that serve to inform the ongoing work of the system to support children and families.

Over the last 2 years we have worked closely with the Governor's Office as we've finalized State Advisory Council Recommendations and have come to an agreement where directly appointed officials and representatives of each appointed Secretary are asked by the Governor to abstain from the vote

- AHS Secretary Seat (designee of Secretary)
- AOE Secretary Seat (designee of Secretary)
- DCF Commissioner/CDD Deputy Commissioner Seat (Direct Appointee of Governor)

- Agency of Commerce and Community Development Secretary Seat (designee of Secretary)

A motion to approve 2025 Policy Recommendations was made by Cheryle Wilcox, with a second second Jessica Brumsted. 11 members approve on zoom, 7 written votes approve. None opposed. Abstentions: Zoie Saunders, Jessica Vintinner, Monica Ogelby, Janet McLaughlin.

4. Community and Family Engagement updates

BBF Family Leadership Manager Tanya LaChapell presented on the [Family Leadership Mapping Project](#) which includes a summary of opportunities and a dashboard to navigate between opportunities. Parent representatives and leaders can view opportunities and connect to organizations to get involved. The dashboard is not a searchable tool; however, individual columns can be sorted to adjust viewing.

Then BBF Network Manager Kate Bailey provided an update on the planned network engagement activities for updating Vermont's early childhood strategic plan. BBF and The Creative Discourse Group are hosting photo booths, community conversations, and a pilot immersive experience project from now through early spring 2025. These activities will collect data on what is most important to families and young children, with priority connections for families furthest from justice. SAC members are invited to take part in the activities, spread the word, and stay tuned for a report back on the data collected in spring 2025.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting- Monday January 27, 2024 1:30-3:00 | [via zoom](#)