



**Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council (BBF SAC)
Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2024 (Via Zoom)**

SAC Members Present: Ilisa Stalberg, Janet McLaughlin, Tammy Bates (AOE rep for Meg Porcella) Carlie Thibault, Flor Diaz Smith, Carol Lang-Godin, Erica McLaughlin, Amber Hewston, Xusana Davis, Christy Swenson, Deb Hartswick, Becca Webb

Absent: Cheryle Wilcox, Jessica Vintinner, Monica Ogelby, Rep Jessica Brumsted, Sharron Harrington, Danielle Mitchell, Libby Daglian, Kendal Smith, Renee Kelly, Str Ruth Hardy, Eddie Gale, Kiona Heath, Dimitri Garder

Community Partners/Guests: Laura Slesar, Matt Levin, Korinne Harvey, Joli Frechette, Taylor Hughey, Wendy Hubbard, Helen Myhre Champlain, Becky Millard, Lynne Robbins, Cynthia Greene, Kim Laroche, Meghan Meszkat, Keely Agan, Ammie Collins, Tess Weafer, Ginger Driscoll, Erin Roche, Amy Wheeler-Sutton, Alyssa Mullan, Rey Garofano, Helen Mattheis, Joy Kitchell, Kirstie Grant, Krista Siringo, Sue McCormack, Sarah Kenney, Kim Laroche

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

This meeting was recorded and that recording can be found [here](#)

Welcome & Introductions

1. Welcome, mindful moment, review agenda

2. SAC General Business

a. May 2024 SAC Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the May 20, 2024, minutes was made by Carol Lang Godin, with a second from Janet McLaughlin. There were none opposed. Xusana Davis abstained from the vote. All members voted in favor of approving May, 2024 minutes.

b. Preview of SAC Network Policy Recommendation Process

Anna Brouillette, BBF Policy Director, provided an overview of the process to develop policy recommendations which is also described in this blog, [How BBF Develops Our Annual Policy Recommendations](#). Recommendations will be presented to the SAC at the September meeting and a vote to endorse them at the October meeting.

3. Regional Council Priority Setting

BBF brings early childhood partners together at Regional Councils to foster collaboration, share best practices, solicit input, and develop system efficiencies on complex social and systemic problems to ensure all children and families have access to high-quality opportunities. Ali Dieng and Darla Senecal, BBF Regional Managers, presented the [top priorities Regional Councils](#) identified through their annual process to guide their work over the next two years.

4. Launch the VECAP 2030 Update and Commitment to Center Equity and Justice

BBF is currently working with The Creative Discourse Group (TCDG), a Burlington-based consultant group, to build a system that works for those furthest from opportunity and justice. Sue McCormack and Krista Siringo of TCDG presented the plan to update the Vermont Early Childhood Action Plan (VECAP) with this commitment to equity and justice at its center. The process will engage families, community members and early childhood leaders to inform the update of the five-year early childhood strategic plan for 2026-2030. A subgroup of the SAC is serving as the VECAP Advisory Committee. TCDG is also providing workshops and coaching to BBF staff and members of the BBF Network to build their awareness and skills to address systemic injustice and build a system that better serves Vermont's youngest and most vulnerable children and families. Members of the SAC are invited to a workshop on October 10 as part of the Regional Council Summit.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting- Monday September 23, 2024 1:00-3:00 | In-Person at 600 Blair Park, Williston VT, Suite 100 at the Vermont Insurance Agents Association