**INTEGRATING FAMILY SERVICES**

**Meeting Minutes: Youth and Family Partnership Workgroup**

***Chairs:*** *Cindy Tabor, VFFCMH and Cheryle Bilodeau, IFS*

***Date:*** *November 30, 2016*

***Time:*** *9:30-12:00*

**Work Group Goal:** Create a clear plan to assure youth and family voice representation is systemic and meaningful

**What are we going to focus on in this group?**

* What is our philosophy?
* How do we put it into action?
* Continuous quality improvement--What do we do when we get feedback from families?

**Present:** Cheryle Bilodeau, Todd Bauman,Cindy Tabor,Heather Case, Dawn Powers, Cynthia Greene,Matt Wolf, Josh Miller, Jeremy, Donna Sherlaw, Will Eberle, Cheryl Huntley, Anna Berg

**Regrets:** Diane Bugbee, Amy Lincoln Moore, Barb Joyal, Deb Quackenbush, JoEllen Tarallo-Falk, Julianne Nickerson, Cinn Smith

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| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion Notes** | **Next Steps** |
| **Welcome and breakfast treats*** Introductions and welcome new members
* Ice Breaker
* Recap of last meeting
 | Goal of this meeting—to finish populating the frameworkMembership Updates: * We sadly say good-bye to Deb Quackenbush, AOE, who is retiring.
* Welcome to Will Eberle, Field Director
* Josh Miller and Jeremy have joined our workgroup to work
* Dawn Powers, good-bye to Cynthia
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| Using the handout*, Family and Youth Partnership—How to Have Involvement at all Levels of Population Health,* continue to populate the triangle  |  | We will have a draft typed up organizing of our discussion for our meeting next week |
| **Discussion about Fatherhood Work***Thank you, Josh and Jeremy for joining our group* | * Several years ago there was a Fatherhood conf.
* VNA Family Room-they work with any age Dad. They are located in the Old North End.
* Thinking about how well are we supporting Dads
* Dads are part of the family and we need to be thinking about how to make them a part of all that we do.
* What is going on out there for Dads?
* How do we value Dads?
* How do we get them to value themselves?
* Often at agencies, doctors, social service--even when moms and dads are there together all communication gets directed at the moms
* How do we talk with Dads?
* How do we support and approach Dads to be the best parent they can be?
* There are not a lot of supports for Dads.
* Vermont Fatherhood-very close to forming a non-profit. Working on finding funding. Education and supports for Dads. How to be father-friendly? What is out there for Dads?
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| **Assessment for boards to assess how youth-friendly they are.***Information provided by Matt Wolf, Vermont Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health* | * Provided information about an assessment that was created for boards (it is DRAFT) so they can assess how youth friendly their meetings are
 | Matt will send out an electronic version |
| **Wrap Up and Next Steps** | **Next Meeting:** Friday, December 9th at McFarland State Building where Dru Roessle, Performance Manager at AHS will join us to talk through outcomes |