

# State Interagency Team Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2024

2:00-3:30

**Facilitator:** Cheryle Wilcox

**Notetaker:** Beth Sausville

1. Invest in retention and recruitment efforts to address workforce challenges to be able to provide necessary and quality services to children and families.
2. Advocate for parity with private insurance for children and youth enrolled in commercial insurance plans, so they can access the appropriate residential level of care needed.
3. Support alternative housing options that support families by encouraging more affordable/diverse/mixed socioeconomic/multigenerational living options.
4. Increase supports in the community for children and youth, and ensure we have a higher level of care in Vermont for children with complex needs (such as co-occurring, developmental disabilities, medical issues) to decrease the number of children sent out of state for treatment.

**Present:** Amy Lincoln Moore, Kheya Ganguly, Cheryle Wilcox, Deb Forrett, Dana Robson, Alicia Hanrahan, Renee Weeks, Karen Price, Danielle Bragg, Maria White, Laurel Omland, Olivia Gaudreau,

**Regrets:** Sandi Yandow, Chris Case, Kerri Duquette-Hoffman

Agenda Item	Discussion Notes	Next Steps
<b>Reviewing updates from last month any major updates we all need to know about related to our System of Care</b> ( <i>staffing changes, new programming, policy changes, fiscal, workforce challenges and planning, legislative outcomes</i> )	<p>Alicia Hanrahan, AOE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New state director of special Ed Heather Doxsee from TN – been to a couple of regional mtgs, on board as of December, losing a finance director soon as of be 1, Nicole Lee taking over, no AOE Secretary yet, waiting to hear.</li><li>• Starting to work on truancy, chronic absenteeism, creative thinking about this topic and aligning definitions</li><li>• Working on a workshop for families</li></ul> <p>Cheryle Wilcox, DMH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working on the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) and moving that forward, lots of moving parts, hoping to have some kids be able to come back in state to be served</li></ul> <p>Renee Weeks, Secretary's Office:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State has contracted with the Camden coalition (NJ) – serving ppl with team based care who have complex needs, doing a final report for VT with recommendations; was done originally in 2015, rolled out in health settings, this time the goal is to make it across all programs in the State. Looking at local level recommendations – looking at learning collaboratives at the local level around team-based care, work flow, consistencies, etc.</li> <li>• Hotel program continued through the end of March.</li> <li>• Haven’t looked at data from this population.</li> <li>• Not all families will be able to be served in the shelters</li> <li>• Legislature could decide to end extend beyond March.</li> </ul> <p>Laurel Omland, DMH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Allen was lead for drafting and submitting report on suicide prevention, including info for educators on eating disorders, etc – did lots of collaborative work on that.</li> </ul> <p>Deb Forrett, CSHN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move to Waterbury has been huge, lots of energy here.</li> </ul> <p>Beth Sausville, FSD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Response Team – working across the agency to train and stand up an emergency response to staffing children or youth in DCF custody in need of this due to disrupted placement and lack of availability of an appropriate option. Hoping for February launch for this.</li> </ul> <p>Dana Robson, DMH:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IHCBS – updated guidance – eligibility process has to come back to the State, hopefully only until April 2025, rolling out right now – for kids that need that level of care, the DA’s need to submit packet and requests and State will try to turn around quickly, DCF will need to provide info to justify that level of care.</li> </ul>	
<b>Act 264 Board Application for Laurie Mulhern</b>	SIT unanimously approved Laurie’s application.	Cheryle will send letter to the Gov. office for appointment to the Board
<b>System of Care Report DRAFT review</b>	Reviewed report and added edits	Report will be final and published in Feb.