

State Interagency Team Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 22, 2024

2:00-3:30

Location: Microsoft Teams

Facilitator: Cheryle Wilcox

Notetaker: Alicia Hanrahan

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: Cheryle Wilcox, Diane Bugbee, Alicia Hanrahan, Deb Forrett, Ken Hammond, Danielle Bragg, Kheya Ganguly, Olivia Gaudreau, Amy Lincoln Moore, Renee Weeks, Melanie D'Amico, Dana Robson, **Welcome Back Barb Joyal!**

Regrets: Sandi Yandow, Laurel Omland, Maria White

<p>LIT Extravaganza Final Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda• Breakfast sign up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In person and via Teams• Focus on the day is BACK TO BASICS/Act 264• Interagency Agreement is currently being worked on/discussed internally at AHS as it hasn't been updated since 2005 and has some gaps.• Cheryle will send out the current Agreement to those who are attending the Extravaganza so they can review it prior to the meeting date.• Will need someone to monitor the chats during the day• Parent reps...may want to change it to parent support/family voice. Amy LM will check with Sandi to determine the language to use• Alicia and Cheryle to review the attendance list to make sure that we haven't missed participants' titles• SOC Recommendations slide...print the recommendations to pass out to participants to read.• Update the quote...not the origin...what document is it from?• Kheya will monitor the chat until 11• Renee will monitor the chat after 11• During the breakouts, the note takers will monitor the chat• The links to the breakouts are on the agenda...Cheryle will invite the rooms to the breakouts—DONE!• Debra Forrett will take notes during the day• Contact Joanne.Crawford@vermont.gov to sign up for the day
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	<p>Expecting 40-50 people in person...SIT to provide breakfast items, Cheryle will grab plates etc.</p> <p>Cheryle: Fruit Renee: Pumpkin bread Ken: Cookies Alicia: Irish Soda Bread or Hot Crossed Buns Olivia: baked breakfast item Kheya: Hash Brown casserole Others: TBD</p>
<p>Updates</p>	<p>Reviewing updates from last month any major updates we all need to know about related to our System of Care (<i>staffing changes, new programming, policy changes, fiscal, workforce challenges and planning, legislative outcomes</i>)</p> <p><i>Diane/VFN:</i> <i>Vermont Family Network (VFN) is now fully staffed to provide parent representative coverage for LITs and CSPs statewide: Lori Gilbar, Diane Bugbee, Nora Sabo, and Donna Sherlaw</i></p> <p><i>VFN has received Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) grant funding to provide trainings. Link on VFN website: https://www.vermontfamilynetwork.org/what-we-do/hcbs-page/</i></p> <p><i>VFN workshop planning for the fall is underway, to include one on self care with Kheya Ganguly</i></p> <p><i>Cheryle/DMH:</i> <i>PRTF...hope to open in the fall/early winter. Green Mt Care Board is has been asking questions about the program, Still working on determining rates, independent school will most likely not be up and running before the PRTF opens</i></p> <p><i>Samantha Sweet is the new Deputy Commissioner Kristin Briggs from Clara Martin is moving to DMH as the MH Services Director</i></p> <p><i>Barb Joyal/DCF:</i> <i>Leadership Team took different responsibilities once Beth retired...hoping to post for the position soon. Tyler Allen is leaving DCF soon...Elizabeth who is the head of racial equity work is also leaving (works for Tyler)</i></p> <p><i>Renee/AHS:</i> <i>New Staff: Brendan Atwood, Director of Policy and Program Integration, Kristin McClure, Interim Deputy Secretary, Jaclyn Holden, Director of Performance and Improvement, Will Dempsey, Director of Data Analytics, Ted Fisher, Principle Assistant and Communications Manager Brendan Krauss, new Director of Healthcare Reform,</i></p>

Alicia/AOE: Home Study numbers are down (currently)
Interim AOE Secretary Zoie Saunders' priorities for the year:

Listen and Learn Tour

We now have information about the Listen and Learn up on our [website](#). We are in the process of finalizing a survey, which will be distributed widely, to help identify the community's education priorities, including what is most important to preserve and enhance about Vermont's education system. Additionally, we are working on a data report and appreciate those of you who are helping compile and validate the information.

Commission on the Future of Public Education

The Steering Group met on Monday, August 5th, to discuss data needed to frame future planning around the state's vision for education. The Group also started developing a workplan, which will be presented to the full Commission at their next meeting on August 26th. Lastly, the Steering Group appointed members to an Education Finance Subcommittee that is charged with proposing recommendations regarding short-term cost containment strategies and long-term sustainability solutions.

Read Vermont

AOE has a new Literacy Initiative: "Read Vermont." AOE released a request for proposals focused on enhancing reading and writing outcomes statewide through capacity building. The RFP aims to support educators, system leaders, and families and caregivers to implement evidence-based reading practices based on research on how children learn to read. This represents a major milestone in our collective planning around the Agency's priority of improving literacy outcomes.

Danielle/DVHA: New Commissioner Sept 3 Dr. DaShawn Groves will be starting on 09/03/24 as the DVHA Commissioner. He most recently worked as the Special Projects Officer (SPO) to the Medicaid Director at the Department of Health Care Finance for the District of Columbia, where his work focused on embedding system improvements and health equity into departmental priorities.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Reminder: No September SIT meeting due to LIT Extravaganza