

Youth Services Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2019

Location: Cherry B Conference Room

10:00-12:00

Present: Theresa Lay-Sleeper (by phone), Kate Luscomb, Cheryle Wilcox, Holly Morehouse, Rich Tulikangas, Martha Frank (by phone), Tara Howe, Tom Delaney (by phone), Matt Wolf, Ariel Carter, Kathy Griffin, Amy Danielson, Danielle Brier

Regrets: Willa Farrell, Kreig Pinkham, Sara Chesbrough, Lindy Boudreau, John Spinney

Agenda Item	Discussion Notes	Next Steps
<p>Introductions, Agenda Overview and Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participant updates • Leadership changes at AHS • Field Survey Data 	<p>Participant Updates:</p> <p>Holly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9to26 coalition—on February 20th from 12-2 in Montpelier Siurala, father of Finnish Youth Work, is coming to speak. He'll speak for a bit and then take questions. • Vermont Afterschool has funding for youth to do projects that improve the lives of youth in their community—Holly passed out a flyer with the link. Holly will forward the flyer to the group. • The entire month of March at the statehouse will be youth art exhibited. Holly will send this information out electronically. <p>ADAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathy Griffin has been hired to do school-based services grants for substance use prevention and intervention. • Visits to colleges about not using substances • Restorative practice pilots being led by Jon Kidde in schools <p>Martha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the VFN website to find out more about their annual conference on April 3rd • VFN has been working to develop resource guides for folks that work with youth—many are posted. If there are resources not listed there that you know about please send the information to Martha. <p>Theresa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth and Young adult resource guide is up (this is a work in progress with more being added) as a GIS map which shows resources in each region of the state. They want to get the information out further so youth and young adults learn more about this. This used 211's database and was sponsored and made possible by the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs. 	

	<p>Tara</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Advisory Council—started last summer through a steering committee so youth with disabilities have voice. 25 youth applied and were accepted onto the council. • May 30th there will be a Youth Summit supported by VFN. <p>Cheryle-Leadership change at DMH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New DMH Commissioner, Sarah Squirrell—she began last week. Cheryle will be meeting with her today to update her about this team. She comes most recently from Building Bright Futures as the Executive Director and spent many years working for Laraway and as a BI for Washington County Mental Health. She also was the Exec. Director of the Vermont Cooperate for Practice Improvement. <p>Tom and Theresa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looked deeper at the survey results (117 responses) that was done in late 2017/early 2018 to check: • If there was over representation of leadership roles and underrepresentation of direct service staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The positions held—there was over representation from supervisor level and above. • And looked at what age groups the agencies who responded were serving. • Recommendation for next step: Break out the responses by role—folks felt like this would be helpful. 	
<p>Youth Outcomes Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom will be sending more information about data sources for the data on the grid. • Look through outcomes to discuss: What’s there? What’s missing? If missing, who? • There are 7 outcome areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outcome 1: Increased Job Opportunities and Levels of Employment—Led by DOL when we review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DOL has data on number of youth with disabilities who for this category ▪ Tara and Rich can go back and look at data they have pulled previously in this area. ▪ DOL has information about percent of students working part-time vs. full-time (Matt Berowitz) or average number of hours worked—Rich will reach out to Matt to get information available. We are ok changing the wording if we need to. ▪ Look at number of youth who have applied for, are receiving and then after 18 with SSI – Tara has this data and will forward to the group. ○ Outcome 2: Increase positive connections 	<p>Send information/updates to Holly for incorporation into the grid</p> <p>Cheryle will put together a template for our group to use during data discussions-will email draft to the group for feedback.</p> <p>Cheryle will look into whether we can do a data dashboard for this information—Holly will look into format for one-page fact sheets</p>

- Only one of the questions is specific to young adults—BRFSS there is data (started being asked in 2001) on “how often did you get the social/emotional support you need?” –Holly will see if Tom can pull that data out.
- **Outcome 3: Increase Mental Health and Decrease Substance Use**
 - Cheryle will talk to Laurin Kasehagin (VDH/DMH Epidemiologist) about family strength markers that may be relevant from the National Survey on Children’s Health.
- **Outcome 4: Increased Access to Safe and Stable Housing**
 - Are there any other data points that we could use here?
- **Outcome 5: Increased Educational Engagement including Post-Secondary Opportunities**
 - Separate out Increased Educational Engagement from Post-Secondary opportunities OR change the title of this outcome
 - Add information regarding dual enrollment and early college—Rich thinks he can pull this data
 - # students subject to exclusionary disciplinary actions (suspended or expelled)—*does this one belong in this outcome? Yes, because suspensions and expulsions directly negatively impact a student’s engagement with school.*
 - Martha will follow up with John Spinney about AOE data
 - Do we want a truancy data point? Martha will ask John Spinney
 - Do we want to add Transition rates of youth who have changed schools—Martha will ask John Spinney
 - Add youth going to college out of Vermont too
- **Outcome 6: Decreased Involvement in the Justice System**
 - Theresa is doing some revamping of this section—a lot of changes are happening in juvenile statute so baseline data isn’t going to be very helpful. Theresa will bring a proposal with data for next time for the council to respond to.
- **Outcome 7: Increased Access to Health Care and/or Medical Home**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kate Luscomb is reaching out to Blueprint team and Ariel Carter will reach out to VDH to ask about the data. • Move percentages from relevance/notes to baseline data column for other populations when available. • Proposal to the council is to take 30 minutes at each council meeting over this year looking at one outcome area each time to dig into the data. And think about policy recommendations, areas of concern, surprises, etc. • When we have the full picture of data (in March) we can look at the outcome titles and see if there is a better way to categorize these • At next implementation team (in early February) we will revise this grid—therefore please have information to Holly by the end of January. 	
<p>Map other groups that focus on youth services, so we can synthesize this information</p>	<p>Did not have time for-move to future agenda</p>	
<p>Wrap Up and Next Steps</p>	<p>Next meeting: March 12th</p>	