

**AHS Integration Efforts
Autism Planning for the Future**

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 15, 2019

2:00-4:00

Location: Waterbury State Office Complex, Ash Conference Room

Overall Goal of our work group: How do we use our collective resources to move autism services forward for children and their families in Vermont?

Present: Mary-Graham McDowell, Julie Smith, Molly Bumpas, Lana Metayer, Matt Habedank, Megan Mayo, Paula Reynolds, Liliane Savard, Erika Rojas, Beth Forbes, Brian Marrier, Janet Kilburn, Danielle Howes, Lauren Smith, Hilary Hill, Danielle Bragg, Philip Eller, Cheryle Wilcox, Rachel Boyers

Regrets: Hope Morris, Anna Noonan, Diane Bugbee

Agenda	Discussion Notes	Next Steps
<p>Introductions</p> <p>Updates from group members about any legislative information, other workgroups addressing autism services, DVHA, etc.</p>	<p>Brian Marrier, Autism, Advocacy and Intervention (AAI): has established office space up in Newport and is ready for children/youth. They have hired a BCBA who is coming from Boston to be the Director of the space—end of July/early Aug—they are now taking referrals. Special attention on EI, and can serve through teenage years—yesterday got 4 phone calls about teenagers needing support. They will asses their referrals and determine what age they will serve.</p> <p>Liliane Savard: Vermont Autism Collaborative pediatric PT working on her PhD and has a strong interest in working with children with autism. You all hopefully received the first newsletter today in your email. Liliane brought some hard copies to share. Working on bylaws and trying to find funding to pay advocates who are involved. Liliane would like to hear more about what would be helpful to include in future newsletters. If you'd like to opt out of the communications just follow the instructions on the email sent by Liliane.</p> <p>Philip Eller-Vermont Autism task force had its annual day at the statehouse and a lot of great presentations made. You can find them on their facebook page. AOE is going to have to open up the special education rules this summer, if folks are interested in accessing them because of Act 173 and Philip is working with a coalition to present an alternative to the adverse effect gate. The Autism Task Force will be meeting again this month and if you are interested in joining please let Philip know.</p>	

<p>Data Tracking Sheet for FY19</p>	<p>Hillary Hill: Link for ABA case rate came out this week-you can find the information here: http://dvha.vermont.gov/global-commitment-to-health/final-gcr-18-119-aba-case-rate.pdf</p> <p>Janet Kilburn, Help Me Grow: This link is the landing page for the ASD Case training from CDC. The videos demonstrating ASD behaviors versus typical are embedded in the various modules. https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/autism/case-modules/index.html</p> <p>This link is to the Considering Culture in Autism Screening Kit and Curriculum that is excellent and was developed by the Massachusetts Act Early state team. This training kit is available online. https://www.aucd.org/template/news.cfm?news_id=12655&id=17</p> <p>Danielle Bragg, DVHA: There is a new CPT code (97157) that allows for groups of family members</p> <p>Molly Bumpas, SD Associates: up to 81 clients that are active in Northern VT 2 to 26 years of age. Wait list Pre-K is up to 34, school age is 14. Have an office in Montpelier and that space will be used for youth to go to for clinic-based services.</p> <p>Data discussion: should we consider adding the following?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many BCBA's do you have on staff? • How many children/youth receive services in clinic vs. home • Pre-K vs. school aged children? • Do children get what is recommended and by whom? Authorized? And provided? And what the family wants/is able to do? • Could there be an annual survey done and distributed to providers to capture this information? And how are schools included in this data collection? • Find out from families what they are receiving and if they think they are getting the right service. • How do we also start to include outcome data? 	<p>Send feedback or other ideas to capture on data to Mary-Graham and Cheryle</p>
<p>Strategic Planning –How do we measure outcomes?</p>	<p>Over the next couple of years how do we want to measure our progress. How will we know if we've accomplished our goals?</p> <p>Be sure to use consistent language when referring to screening vs. assessment</p> <p>How long should the goals be for? Make year goals for each one</p>	<p>See strategic plan with blue font for notes from today's meeting</p>

		We will focus more on this at the next meeting
Presentation about forward momentum occurring through Help Me Grow ~ <i>Janet Kilburn and Lauren Smith</i>	See presentation attached The link for Developmental and Behavioral Screening Guidelines at http://dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers/developmental-screening-for-young-children Registry Link: http://www.healthvermont.gov/family/babies/vermonts-developmental-screening-registry	