

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

Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 19, 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:** Diane Bugbee, Mary-Graham McDowell, Cheryle Wilcox, Philip Eller, Hanna Wagner, Liz Elliott, Elizabeth Forbes, Hillary Hill, Danielle Howes, Jenn Johnson, Matt Habedank, Julie Smith, Carol Hassler, Marilyn Mahusky, Nora Sabo

Agenda Item	Discussion Notes	Next Steps
<p><b>Introductions and Updates</b> Updates from group members about any legislative information, other workgroups addressing autism services, DVHA, etc.</p>	<p>Community Care Network: Rutland is supporting UCS in Bennington who is looking to start an ABA program</p> <p>State Interagency Team-put together a brochure for families who are in the Emergency Dept. with their child during a mental health crisis. You can see the brochure here:  <a href="https://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/mhnew/files/documents/Services/ES/Emergency_Crisis_Brochure_REV6.pdf">https://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/mhnew/files/documents/Services/ES/Emergency_Crisis_Brochure_REV6.pdf</a>                      If you would like hard copies to distribute please reach out to SIT Co-Chairs: Diane Bugbee and Cheryle Wilcox</p> <p>Children with Special Health Needs and UVM Clinic—referrals for assessments should go to the intake team.</p> <p>SD Associates: Molly Bumpas is moving to a position at UVM next month. They are recruiting for a Family and Intake Coordinator. They are hoping to become a school and are going through that process.</p> <p>Howard Center-serving 6 children in their clinic and they continue to offer school-based services. They are adjusting to the new DVHA case rate and seeing how it works. They are supporting many new American families.</p>	

	<p>Designated Agencies are all implementing new EHRs in the next few months which is time-consuming and impacting their business process as folks learn a new system.</p> <p>Children’s Integrated Services: The CIS Director is on family leave and returning Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. The Child Development Division which CIS falls under is currently without a Deputy Commissioner. Recruitment is under way. The Infant and Toddler Project which is happening with CIS, Carol Hassler and Carol Andrew is putting together data from their pilot. They may be able to share some of this at our next meeting.</p> <p>Howard Center, ARCh program-there is a new Intake and Access team at Howard and this seems to be helping to direct children to the right services.</p> <p>CSAC: Megan Mayo (who has been a member of this group for several years) is working on her PhD. So some structural changes have happened at CSAC. We welcome Liz Elliott to the Autism Workgroup as Megan’s work schedule has changed. The program is getting new referrals for Early Education and they have gotten several calls from Middlebury students interested in their program.</p> <p>Autism Task Force: they have five new members. They had a retreat last week and used the time to clarify their goals for the coming year. They will be updating their website and using social media more to get information out to the public. They are spending time sitting on statewide groups and monitoring the activities that impact children with ASD. They decided due to declining attendance to not have an Autism Awareness day this year at the statehouse but to put their energy into other areas.</p> <p>Vermont Legal Aid: they are fielding a lot of calls about special education now that school is back in session.</p> <p>UVM Developmental Clinic: They have been seeing clients for a full year! They are working on a brochure that explains their program. In the mean time you can visit their website at:  <a href="https://www.uvmhealth.org/medcenter/Pages/Departments-and-Programs/Developmental-Pediatrics.aspx">https://www.uvmhealth.org/medcenter/Pages/Departments-and-Programs/Developmental-Pediatrics.aspx</a>  For information. Questions can be directed to Sue and Nora who oversee intake there.</p>	
<p><b>Information and Discussion re: Act 173, Census</b></p>	<p>Please see attached powerpoint that Marilyn went over today. Thank you, Marilyn, for the great information and dialogue!</p>	

<p><b>Based Funding Advisory Work Group with Marilyn Mahusky, Vermont Legal Aid</b></p>		
<p><b>Strategic Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By June 2020, we are going to complete our first annual Autism WG report</li> <li>• Data profile</li> </ul>	<p><b>Brainstormed additional questions to add for gathering data and information from providers, schools and families. We will send the draft with incorporated ideas before our next meeting so we can finalize what we want to gather at our November meeting and start discussing the best mechanism to gather the information.</b></p>	

