

MEETING MINUTES

Act 264 Advisory Board/Children’s SPSC Joint Meeting

January 27, 2023

FINAL

Act 264 Advisory Board Meeting (9:30 – 11:00)		
<p>Members present: Alice Maynard, Cinn Smith, Megan Martin Guests: Joanne Crawford – DMH, Cheryle Wilcox – DMH, Puja Senning – DMH, Laurie Mulhern, Ron Bos Lun, Eva Dayon - DMH</p>		
Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Decisions/Actions
Update from Cheryle Wilcox	<p>The System of Care Report is almost ready for distribution. Cheryle reviewed the draft report with the group and received feedback.</p> <p>The new chair of the House Health Care Committee is Lori Houton.</p> <p>The State Interagency Team (SIT) is starting to look at planning an in person Local Interagency Team (LIT) Extravaganza for later this year.</p>	
<i>Broken System, Broken Promises</i> report	<p>The group discussed the <i>Broken System, Broken Promises</i> report and what their response will be to the report. The group came up with a few ideas.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have a discussion with Deputy Commissioner Ayrka Radke. 2. Written request from our committees to the Department for Children and Families (DCF) for a written response which includes a response to each of the recommended reforms in the report. 3. Why did the state know about this situation since 2018 and not follow through? 4. How will DCF ensure there is thorough training and oversight of DCF workers? The training needs to be comprehensive and statewide. 5. Folks from this group could engage with the co-chairs of the Vermont Citizens Advisory Board. The co-chairs are Sally Borden of the KidsSafe Collaborative, 802-863-9626, sallyb@kidsafevt.org and James Metz, who is an MD at the UVM Children’s Hospital, 802-847-8200, James.Metz@UVMHealth.org. Maybe invite them or other Board representative to one of this group’s meetings. 6. Maybe have a discussion at the upcoming LIT retreat. <p>The group will start with writing to the Vermont Citizens Advisory Board and inviting Deputy Commissioner Ayrka Radke and Nancy Miller (Policy and Planning Child Safety Manager) to the February meeting to discuss the report.</p> <p>Because there were so few members at this meeting, Alice will send an email to everyone and ask for their ideas and feedback on the plan so far.</p>	<p>https://dcf.vermont.gov/contacts/boards/vcab</p> <p>Alice will send out an email to the joint group and ask for feedback.</p>

Public Comment:	None.	
Joint Act 264 Advisory Board and State Program Standing Committee Meeting (11:00 – 12:30)		
Members present: Alice Maynard, Cinn Smith, Laurie Mulhern, Ron Bos Lun, Megean Martin		
Guests: Joanne Crawford – DMH, Puja Senning – DMH, Laurel Omland - DMH, Sam Sweet - DMH, Dylan Frazer – Dept of Vt Health Access, Moira Muir – Health Management Associate, Raisa Alam – Health Management Associates		
Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Decisions/Actions
February Agenda Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 988 update • New Director of Suicide Prevention – possible brief meeting • Invite Department for Children and Families leadership to discuss the <i>Broken Promises, Broken System</i> report 	
Review December Minutes	Alice made a motion to approve the minutes as edited. Cinn seconded. No discussion. Vote to approve was unanimous.	
Discussion on Mobile Crisis Quality Measures	<p>Vermont has received a state planning grant to enhance mobile crisis within the state. Summary of the project and the work that has been done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Requirements – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Administrative Costs 2. Key Services – needs to be available 24/7 3. Follow-up care 4. Service Settings – community based 5. Team Composition – has to be made up of a multi-disciplinary team with a least one behavioral health care professional 6. Training – team needs to be trained in trauma informed care • Stake Holder Engagement Done – town hall, surveys, focus groups, and interviews • Findings • RFP for community-based, mobile crisis services was issued on Nov 1, 2022. • Provided “Vermont’s Suggested Quality Measures for Community-Based Mobile Crisis Teams” <p>A suggestion was made to add a consumer satisfaction survey to the Quality Measures.</p>	
Discussion on Vermont Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) and Conflict of Interest	An email was sent to co-chairs of the Act 264 Advisory Board, Matt and Cinn, to join a new committee for all Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) programs. Vermont programs need to comply with federal conflict of interest regulations. May of 2025 implementation date. Need to engage with stakeholders in any way possible to help them understand how it is working on the ground and come up with solutions without losing quality. An advisory committee is being set up to meet each month. Would anyone from this group like to volunteer for this advisory committee? Need one candidate and an alternate.	

	Also engaging stakeholders through town hall, regional meetings, public surveys. Monthly meeting for 2 hours. First meeting is Wednesday, Feb 22 1:00 to 3:00. At this first meeting the committee will choose a recurring date and time. Folks participating can receive a stipend of \$50.	Cinn and Laurie will participate.
Public Comment	None.	
State Program Standing Committee (12:30 – 2:00)		
Members present: Cinn Smith, Laurie Mulhern, Ron Bos Lun		
Guests: Joanne Crawford – DMH, Puja Senning – DMH, Alice Maynard, Megean Martin		
Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Decisions/Actions
Survey group on DMH website question	Puja asked the group if the Coordinated Service Plan page on the Department of Mental Health (DMH) website is confusing. The group agreed that it was confusing. It should be more clear and more organized. The video that Doug Norford shared will be added to the Act 264 Advisory Board page on the DMH website.	Puja will ask for this to be put on the website. What is needed to develop a Coordinated Services Plan video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LygjkvA7xdo
Close/Meeting Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:07.	
Public Comment	None.	