

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

**Date:** Tuesday, March 26, 2024

11:00-12:00

**Facilitator:** Cheryle Wilcox

**Notetaker:** Molly Bumpas

**Overall Goal of our work group:** This workgroup convenes to use our collective resources to move autism services forward for children and their families in Vermont.

**Strategic Plan Goals:**

- A. To challenge and advise the current system to identify creative, collaborative, and flexible strategies to deliver family-centered care throughout a child’s journey from early identification and diagnosis through adult services.
- B. Increase access to assessments, supports and services up and through transition to adulthood.
- C. Educate community about inclusion and neurodiversity.

**Present:** Molly Bumpas, Cheryle Wilcox, Jennifer LaGro, Cammie Naylor, Alyssa Heilbrun, Laurie Mulhern, Philip Eller, Kara Hurwitch, Cassie Santo, Emily Dischino, Keith Robinson, Liliane Savard, Julie Smith, Rya Hardee-Fauth, Regie Cooper, Adriana Negron, Danielle Cohen, Jason T.

**Regrets:** Danielle Brier, Cortney Keene

Agenda Item	Discussion Notes
<p><b>UVM Medical Center Survey</b></p> <p><b>Emily Dischino, Pediatric Nurse Coordinator</b></p> <p><b>Keith Robinson, Quality Chair, UVM Children’s Hospital</b></p>	<p>Group gave feedback to Keith re: Autism-Friendly Survey that is in UVMCC’s electronic medical record. Survey originally from Rady Children’s Hospital in San Diego, CA</p> <p><a href="https://www.rchsd.org/documents/2023/04/autism-friendly-questionnaire-english.pdf/">https://www.rchsd.org/documents/2023/04/autism-friendly-questionnaire-english.pdf/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When would the survey be given? What’s the workflow for follow up? Focusing on children on the autism spectrum for now. Reminder not to forget children who are waiting for evaluation or have provisional diagnoses.</li><li>• More inclusive language needed</li><li>• Readability needs to be assessed</li><li>• Feedback from Green Mountain Self Advocates would be helpful</li><li>• Thought to measure patient/caregiver and CARE team satisfaction as an outcome</li><li>• Survey cannot just be distributed – training needs to occur for practitioners in how to implement strategies</li><li>• Idea of building a kit for medical homes with items (fidgets, bubbles, etc.)</li><li>• Distribution of survey: CHAMP practitioners, state partners</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="634 142 1468 216">• This project could fold into a greater VCHIP project targeting children with complex health needs.</li></ul>
<b>Wrap Up and Next Steps</b>	<p data-bbox="634 224 1468 296">If want to give more feedback to Keith/Emily, send to Molly and Cheryle and we will disseminate.</p> <p data-bbox="634 338 1370 369">Next meeting: Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 2:00-3:00 pm</p>