

# State Interagency Team Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 23, 2023

2:00-3:15

**Location:** Microsoft Teams

1. **Design and allocate sustainable funding to implement a unified parent representative system** that includes family support, training, and pay that shows the value of this essential element in our system of care.
2. **Invest in retention and recruitment efforts to address workforce challenges** to bring in individuals who provide mental health supports, developmental disability services, and peer supports.
3. **Leverage state and federal funds by investing in community-based supports and services and to strengthen our system of care** to respond to stress and trauma experienced by children and families in a manner that best meets their needs.

**Present:** Cheryle Wilcox, Deb Forrett, Maria White, Laurel Omland, Diane Bugbee, Kheya Ganguly, Alicia Hanrahan, Danielle Bragg, Kerri Duquette-Hoffman, Tony Folland, Amy Lincoln Moore,

**Regrets:** Karen Price, Renee Weeks, Beth Sausville, Janelle Germaine, Dana Robson, Sandi Yandow

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<p><b>Reviewing updates from last month any major updates we all need to know about related to our System of Care</b> (<i>staffing changes, new programming, policy changes, fiscal, workforce challenges and planning, legislative outcomes</i>)</p>	<p><b>AHS Secretary's Office, Renee Weeks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The motel program has been extended through May and/or June for most people. We will continue the Care Coordination teams there to help people get connected to needed services.</li><li>• There was a summit in Bennington on Monday. One of the themes I heard was the need for housing for unaccompanied youth. Also, education system was looking for ways to outreach to get parents engaged.</li></ul> <p><b>AOE update, Alicia Hanrahan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secretary French is leaving his post in April. Interim Secretary will be Heather Bouchey (she is currently the Deputy Secretary)</li><li>• Three division directors positions are vacant-IT, Student Support Services, and Educator Licensing and recovery work with schools.</li></ul> <p><b>Vermont Family Network, Diane Bugbee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• VFN is receiving increased calls from families related to bullying and harassment at school and</li></ul>	

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	<p>has concerns about schools understanding the process to address this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VFN is receiving many calls from families about their children not being in school related to a lack of necessary supports at school.</li> <li>• The VFN conference on April 11 is at capacity for in person registration, still have a remote registration option available for \$12.</li> <li>• Register for “Introduction to Vermont Developmental Disabilities Services” workshop with Melanie Feddersen, May 3 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</li> <li>• Still recruiting for a Family Support Consultant – Mental Health (Outside Chittenden County)</li> <li>• Reminder that VFN has various funds available to support families – i.e., conference attendance, respite, medically necessary items (equipment, medication, travel, therapies).</li> </ul> <p><b>Interagency Collaborations, Cheryle Wilcox:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Childhood Day at the Legislature—Cheryle attended and heard from preschool teachers about the increased number of young children struggling with trauma and behaviors.</li> <li>• VT (DMH, CDD, VDH, and AOE) applied for and successfully got a Preschool Development Grant that will bring \$7.7M in each year for the next three years. Some of this funding has been allocated to increase mental health supports for young children .</li> </ul> <p><b>VFFCMH, Parent Support, Amy Lincoln Moore:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LITPR’s are seeing increased numbers of CSP’s, IEP and 504’s outcomes of the CSP’s. Mostly surrounding Truancy and Mental Health causing the Truancy. Schools are offering “out of the box” ideas to get younger children back into the schools. It’s harder with kids nearing age 16, but conversations around Adult ED as a way to get a HS Diploma from their schools or at least talks about a GED program.</li> </ul>	

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	<p><b>Child Development Division:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Deputy Commissioner, Janet McLaughlin</li> <li>• New Professional development -Julia Wain</li> <li>• New systems Director-Dawn Rouse</li> <li>• New policy director-Chris Case, coming from AOE.</li> </ul> <p><b>Laurel Omland:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federally funded grant focused on primary care access—there were carryover funds approved and some of the funds are targeted to partner with Adam Poulin and Ilisa Stahlberg to provide training to PCP about how to do autism assessments.</li> <li>• Providing trauma responsive training to Emergency Depts around the state. 11 of 14 hospitals have said yes to the training. Starts next month.</li> <li>• Mobile Crisis-meeting with HCRS tomorrow to talk through expectations for this new statewide benefit. HCRS is lead and they will contract out to regions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Danielle Bragg, DVHA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ED rate when they have a patient at the ED waiting for inpatient care—this was a pilot and will be continued through the next year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Family Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Support Cases-some shifts that will be happening—yesterday was prevention work group. How to support family service workers being more comfortable sitting with risk and how to have families have more voice in the process.</li> <li>• Working on how to implement more evidence-based practices with FFPSA.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>LIT Connections update from this week’s meeting</b></p> <p><b>Continued planning for LIT Extravaganza</b></p>	<p>Shared summary of discussion from LIT Connections-  <b>please see full notes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Truancy was a major focus.</li> <li>• Also discussed next LIT Extravaganza and possible topics-</li> </ul>	<p>Cheryle to ask about budget-breakfast and lunch</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trauma, resilience, self-care for adults</li> <li>○ What can LIT be used for? How to have a meaningful LIT meeting each month? Create a template for the meetings.</li> <li>○ Due to turnover—CSP vs. Family safety Plan meetings</li> <li>○ Managing facilitation, conflict</li> <li>○ Offer resources, what is out there, what can support families, brochures for families in EDs, 988 magnets, etc.</li> <li>○ Update what to do at your LIT-document created by SIT.</li> <li>○ Make sure when we think about documents and putting things together getting voice from families to inform them as we did with the ED brochure.</li> <li>○ Charlie Biss award! Amy will ask Sandi about this.</li> </ul>	<p>Cheryle also reached out to Vermont Technical College to inquire about space and cost.</p>
<p><b>How will we know if we have impacted our SOC goals over the year? What are the intentional steps we can take?</b></p> <p><b>Start with Goal 1: Design and allocate sustainable funding to implement a unified parent representative system</b> that includes family support, training, and pay that shows the value of this essential element in our system of care.</p>	<p>There has been work around peer certification at the legislature and there was significant work that was done and led by Wilda White.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It was mostly adult peer input, not necessarily children and family peer support.</li> <li>● Should there be special certification for the children’s world?</li> <li>● VT is one of 2 states that don’t have peer certification.</li> <li>● The report is not out yet. When it comes out, we should review to see what is relevant to family support. Values may be relevant and training would be different (working with schools, children)</li> </ul>	