

Youth Services Advisory Council Agenda

Date: March 17, 2022

Location: Zoom Meeting

Time: 11:00-12:00

Present: Kheya Ganguly, Holly Morehouse, Tara Howe, Sara Chesbrough, Martha Frank, Kate Luscomb, Rich Tulikangas, Adam Sancic

Regrets: Lindy Boudreau (testifying on juvenile justice bills right now!)

Agenda Item	Discussion Notes	Next Steps
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lovely to see you all! Enjoying the signs of spring!!! • Vermont Afterschool has received 148 applicants to distribute to community partners—total amount to be awarded= \$2.5M 	
Discuss and get update about new refugees coming to VT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sara shared ppt with information on <i>Afghan Refugees: Considerations for youth and families being resettled in Vermont</i> • Link to additional resources: https://coresourceexchange.org/working-with-afghans/ • The Ethiopian Community Development Council Vermont office located in Brattleboro, has received 92 Afghan individuals and families between Jan 3 to Feb 14th, they have expanded into Bennington as well. • The Health Dept. got a health equity grant that goes through May 2023—some of the funds are going to be used to support cultural liaison positions at Howard Center, AALV, USCRI 	
Legislative Session: Overview of policies the legislature is looking at that may impact youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Council Bill—is in House Appropriation—Holly, Cheryle and Sara sent a letter to the committee last week to say that YSAC supported the council and would like to see it be put in place. • S. 197—Senate Health and Welfare bill that puts additional funding towards mental health supports for youth, families and staff who support youth during the day and afterschool time. • H. 703-related to employment and secondary ed. not specific to youth, but they would benefit as well. Currently in Appropriations. 	Next Meeting: If anyone has information about Juvenile Justice Bills it would be great to hear

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. 631-child marriage bill which would raise the age of consent for marriage to 18. Seems stuck in House Judiciary. • H. 266-making sure hearing aids are covered. 	
Update and final report on Act 35 Task Force ~ Kheya Ganguly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final report was completed and was sent out last week. • Kheya will look for the link and/or report so folks can review this. 	
Wrap Up	Next meeting in May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will change the meeting time as it conflicts with the Youth Summit • Legislative updates from the session • Wallace foundation has a survey open through this year to understand the youth serving field https://powerofussurvey.org/ We will then have access to the data for our state—Next time brainstorm how to get this out broadly, so folks participate. (use networks we have) 	

From: Sancic, Adam

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 10:57 AM

Subject: Invitation to attend ECDC VT quarterly consultation (please mark your calendars !)

Good morning everyone,

As a follow up to last week’s meeting to support Afghan families in Bennington , ECDC has opened up an invitation to a community consultation meeting , set for March 30th at 10am. Please see below for specifics , as well as the Zoom link. This feels like a logical next step ,from which we can build upon at the local level in April. Please reach out if you have any questions , in the mean time , please look out for an invite for the 2nd week in April from me. Special thanks to Megan for supporting the initial meeting,

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Dear Community Partners,

The Ethiopian Community Development Council Vermont office is pleased to invite you to attend a community consultation meeting on March 30th at 10am. As you may know, between Jan 3 to Feb 14, ECDC received 92 Afghan individuals and families out of the 100 we projected.

Some of the families are permanently housed in various communities and continue receiving services from you. The objective of this meeting is to update you on the progress we all made, challenges we all encountered, and collectively discuss better ways we can serve our new neighbors.

Please feel free to share this invitation to individuals or groups that I may have left out. Please also see the zoom link below to add to your calendar.

ECDC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Community consultation

Time: Mar 30, 2022 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Thanks for your support and we look forward seeing you all.

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