

MEETING MINUTES

Act 264 Advisory Board/Children’s SPSC Joint Meeting

November 18, 2022

FINAL

Act 264 Advisory Board Meeting (9:30 – 11:00)		
Members present: Kristin Holsman-Francoeur, Matt Wolf, Cinn Smith, Alice Maynard, Doug Norford Guests: Laurie Mulhern, Ron Bos Lun, Steve DeVoe – DMH, Joanne Crawford – DMH, Cheryle Wilcox – DMH, Puja Senning – DMH, Katie Smith – DMH, Sandi Yandow – VFFCMH, Meagan Martin		
Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Decisions/Actions
<p>Update from Cheryle Wilcox</p>	<p>The Local Interagency Team (LIT) Connections have been giving folks a chance to connect. Want to host an in person LIT Extravaganza next year; this has not happened in a couple years because of COVID. State Interagency Team (SIT) representatives have been able to meet with every LIT this year.</p> <p>In an AHS meeting yesterday the lack of resources was discussed. One example was that before COVID there were 204 residential beds; now there are only 103 beds due to staffing issues. There is work happening to have more in-patient capacity beyond the Brattleboro Retreat.</p> <p>The legislature gave the Department of Mental Health (DMH) 4 million dollars in ARPA funds to work on concrete investments and facilities such as crisis beds or group homes for adults and youth. The funding went out to designated agencies, peer organizations, and the specialized service agency. The funding is to be used to improve the environment for projects such as making them ADA compliant, weatherizing buildings, improving heating systems, repairing roofs, <i>etc.</i></p> <p>The Department of Mental Health put out two Request for Proposals. One is for alternatives to emergency departments, such as mental health urgent care. That RFP has closed and there were more than 10 responses. The other RFP was for mobile crisis response, and we will receive additional federal match. This RFP closes on 12/30/22.</p>	<p>Location of the RFPs. https://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/RFP</p>

	<p>Second interviews for the Suicide Prevention Director are happening later today.</p> <p>The Governor signed into law the creation of a Youth Advisory Council. The age range is 11 – 17. Received 200 applications from youth. They will be selecting one youth for every county in the state.</p>	
Interagency System of Care (SOC) Recommendations Discussion	The group continued to work on their 2023 System of Care (SOC) Recommendations.	Vermont Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health (VFFCMH) Intro to Act 264 Family https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hd8PAW05n6s
Public Comment:	There was not public comment.	
Joint Act 264 Advisory Board and State Program Standing Committee Meeting (11:00 – 12:30)		
Members present: Cinn Smith, Alice Maynard, Ron Bos Lun, Doug Norford, Matt Wolf, Ward Nial, Laurie Mulhern		
Guests: Steve DeVoe – DMH, Puja Senning – DMH, Joanne Crawford – DMH, Meagan Martin, Katie Smith - DMH		
Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Decisions/Actions
Local Interagency Team (LIT) Survey Results	Still missing a survey from Rutland.	2022 LIT Annual Survey and Advisory Board Update-Responses https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-7MH6ZBAsfDqIHBzAm_2BjRgQ_3D_3D/
December Agenda Planning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet with Aryka Radke, the Department of Children and Family Services Deputy Commissioner. The group will work on questions for Aryka <i>via</i> email. 2. Cheryle will provide an update. 3. Start generating questions for the Agency of Education (AOE) when they attend. 	
Review 2023 Meeting Dates	The group discussed the dates for the 2023 meetings.	
Review October 2022 meeting minutes	Ron made a motion to approve the minutes. Alice seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous. No nays and no abstentions.	
Review Expense Forms Process	Puja reminded everyone about completing their expense forms for their time attending meetings.	

Public Comment	There was no public comment.	
BREAK (12:00 – 12:30)		
State Program Standing Committee (12:30 – 2:00)		
Members present: Cinn Smith, Ron BosLun, Laurie Mulhern, Ward Nial		
Guests: Simon Rueschemeyer – Vermont Care Partners, Nicole DiStasio – DMH, Joanne Crawford – DMH, Steve DeVoe – DMH, Puga Senning – DMH, Sandi Yandow - VFFCMH		
Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Decisions/Actions
Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Update by Vermont Care Partners and the Department of Mental Health (DMH)	The Department of Mental Health and Vermont Care Partners have been studying the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model for the last couple of months. This is a federal name, so we will change the name once it is here in Vermont. Still an opportunity for people to participate and provide feedback. There are federal requirements for participation in the program, such as policy measures. Vermont can add enhanced requirements. Vermont is going to pursue a planning grant and the application due date is December 19. The federal government will eventually push all states toward this model.	
Review Washington County Mental Health Services' Department of Mental Health Report/Create Questions for next month's meeting	The group created questions for their meeting with Washington County Mental Health Services next month using the site chart reviews and reports.	
Close/Meeting Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:00.	