

MEETING MINUTES
Act 264 Advisory Board/Children’s SPSC Joint Meeting
March 25, 2022
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Act 264 Advisory Board Meeting (9:30 – 11:30)		
Members present: Matt Wolf, Doug Norford, Heather Freeman, Cinn Smith, Alice Maynard Guests: Jill Maynard – Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, Dr. LaPlante, Nicole DiStasio – DMH, Joanne Crawford – DMH, Sandi Yandow – VFFCMH, Joe Brusatto, Laurie Mulhern		
Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Decisions/Actions
2022 SOC Priorities follow up coordination	<p>The group would like to follow up on some of the recommendations they made in the 2022 System of Care plan.</p> <p>Recommendation 1a – a small subgroup was created to work to follow up on this recommendation. The group will consist of Alice, Matt, Doug, a Local Interagency Team (LIT) member, and a State Interagency Team (SIT) member. Alice with Cheryle’s help will work on this recommendation.</p> <p>Recommendation 1b – The link to Act 264’s Coordinated Service Plans is available on the Integrating Family Services (IFS) website, but other AHS depts and schools need to be reminded of this and make sure families can access it. Alice will work on this recommendation</p> <p>Recommendation 3a – There are recorded trainings available and available on the IFS website. How do we make them easily accessible?</p> <p>Recommendation 4 – Heather will work on following up on this recommendation.</p> <p>One of the guests at the meeting expressed concern that many of the 2022 recommendations do not fall in the purview of the Act 264 Advisory Board and that the board should focus its efforts on its original responsibilities.</p>	

	The group discussed the lack of ability to track CSPs happening in Vermont. Should there be a database? Reach out to the departments and schools and reaffirm why the CSP data is so important.	
LIT Survey Questions	The group reviewed the LIT survey questions for 2021 and decided to move away from the pandemic related questions. The group worked on updating some of the questions for the survey but will finish up working on the questions at next month's meeting.	
Act 264 Board Recruitment materials update	Laurie made a one-page flyer. The language in the flyer needs some work, so Laurie will email it to the group, and they will provide feedback.	Laurie will send the draft flyer to the Act 264 Advisory Board members for feedback.
Public Comment:		
Joint Act 264 Advisory Board and State Program Standing Committee Meeting (11:30 – 12:45)		
Members present: Matt Wolf, Alice Maynard, Heather Freeman, Cinn Smith, Laurie Mulhern		
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IFS Update: Cheryle Wilcox	<p>There was an Interagency Team meeting yesterday. The following information was shared.</p> <p>Beth Sausville new co-Chair of the State Interagency Team. There is a new member to the team from Children with Special Health Needs, Deb Forrett. Nicole DiStasio is the new Policy Director for the Department of Mental Health (DMH). Discussion in legislature continues regarding the mental health crisis in Vermont and possible funding of 1.9 million to invest in Alternative programming to decrease individuals ending up in Emergency Depts. There is a planning grant that DVHA is overseeing. . This will culminate in a systems analysis and recommendations. DMH has provided testimony at legislature around the mental health crisis.</p> <p>DMH is working with other groups to support the refugees coming to Vermont.</p> <p>The Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) office is now fully staffed.</p> <p>The VT Family Network is recruiting for a new Chief Executive Officer. Lack of therapeutic foster care is creating a gap. More kids coming out of residential because of COVID. Now lack of wrap around services in the community.</p>	Cheryle will send the State Interagency Team meeting notes to the group.

	<p>A mom with a child with complex medical needs is spearheading the creation of a setting for children with complex medical needs. It is made up of two or three small buildings with a playground in the center. More details of this project are in the Interagency Team meeting notes.</p> <p>Holly Morehouse, Cheryle Wilcox and Sara Chesbrough met to discuss prevention funds available for Building Flourishing Communities.</p>	
Review February Meeting Minutes	Alice made a motion to accept the February minutes and Laurie seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.	
Discuss Follow Ups to Abenaki Outreach	Matt Wolf reached out to Jeff Benay, the Title VI Indian Education Director for the Missisquoi Valley Union district to provide information about Coordinated Service Plans (CSPs). Jeff responded and said he would like to hear more about CSPs. He would like to set up a meeting with families. Cinn, Matt and Joanne will meet with Jeff and the families in the Missisquoi Abenaki community.	
Doug's Topic	Rutland Mental Health Services is rethinking how they are getting family voice. They are struggling with representation. A group has been created through VT Care Partners to work of this issues and Doug Norford asked if any of the Childrens Standing Committee Partners were interested in participating.	
Public Comment:	<p>Dr. LaPlant attended today's meeting and is interested in being on the Children's State Program Standing Committee. He discussed his feelings on physicians choosing to not give their patients their diagnosis.</p> <p>Joe Brusatto, a guest at today's meeting, commented that it is not clear how a parent can participate and be involved if a part of this group. The meetings are a little overwhelming. He suggested an onboarding process might help.</p> <p>Matt Wolf said he is willing to meet with Joe to do an introduction and onboarding.</p>	