

MEETING MINUTES
Children’s Act 264 Advisory Board/SPSC Joint Meeting
March 26, 2021

Meeting Minutes submitted by: Joanne Crawford

Act 264 Advisory Board Meeting (9:30 – 10:00)		
Attending: Matt Wolf, Heather Freeman, Teresa Sunderland, Alice Maynard, Doug Norford, Cinn Smith		
Guests: Christina Thompson – DMH, Joanne Crawford – DMH, Sandi Yandow - VFFCMH		
Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Decisions/Actions
Discussion Regarding the Distribution of Parent Rep. Surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group discussed how they would like to see the survey results formatted and presented. Christina will provide several options. • The board will work with State Interagency Team (SIT) to develop a distribution list, as well as deciding on formatting and content of the survey results report. • An additional meeting will need to be scheduled for the Act 264 Advisory Board/SPSC and SIT to discuss the survey results distribution. • The Parent Rep. Surveys will close on April 15, 2021. The survey results will be brought to the April Act 264/SPSC meeting to discuss ideas for the meeting with SIT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christina will provide the group with options for results formats. • Survey results will be reviewed at the April meeting.
Joint Act 264 Advisory Board and State Program Standing Committee Meeting (10:00 – 12:05)		
Attending: Matt Wolf, Heather Freeman, Teresa Sunderland, Alice Maynard, Doug Norford, Cinn Smith, Ward Nial, Laurie Mulhern		
Guests: Christina Thompson – DMH, Joanne Crawford – DMH, Sandi Yandow – VFFCMH, Alison Krompf – DMH		
Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Decisions/Actions
Department of Mental Health Update – Alison Krompf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The department is currently looking at how children’s respite funds are being utilized throughout the state. DMH wants to ensure respite funds are being spent effectively. • The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is changing their hotline number to a three-digit number nationwide. As of July 2022, the Lifeline phone number will be 9-8-8. The hope is that when someone calls, their call is answered and addressed locally. The Mental Health Block Grant Committee will be discussing funding for this effort. • The department has created a group to address racism. Part of that work is the creation a data group that has been pulling and looking at health equity. 	

Membership Attendance Requirements – Cinn Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Act 264 Advisory Board and Children’s State Program Standing Committee (SPSC) addressed membership attendance issues. A plan was discussed for working with members habitually missing meetings. 	Christina will check in with members that have missed several consecutive meetings.
Review February Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alice moved to approve the minutes. Cinn seconded; all approved and the motion passed. 	
Questions for State Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group has already created two questions to ask all invited Commissioners and the AHS Secretary. They would also like to create a question regarding the recommendations in the “Native American Communities Focus Groups – Abenaki Community in Vermont” report created for the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs. 	Joanne will pull the Recommendations from the report and provide to the group with a link to the report.
SPSC Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are currently only 4 people on this committee. Everyone was asked to work on recruiting members. 	Christina will send the group an info flyer to share.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no public comment. 	