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**Children, Adolescent and Family State Program Standing Committee Minutes**

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**State Program Standing Committee for Children, Adolescent and Family Mental Health**

**Present Members:**  Cinn Smith, Chair  Laurie Mulhurn  Ron Bos Lun, Chair  Sunny Naughton

**DMH/State Staff:**  Sean Sheehan  Megan Shedaker  Puja Senning  Eva Dayon  Steve DeVoe

**Public:**  Brett Yates of Vermont Psychiatric Survivors  Karen Carreira (interested in joining C-SPSC)

**Agenda**

<p>Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introductions/identify timekeeper</li><li>• Review October meeting minutes</li><li>• Review Agenda for December<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ DMH CYFS leadership Laurel Omland and Dana Robson<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- general update on CYFS System of Care</li><li>- HCBS funding in CYFS</li></ul></li><li>○ Review NFI Materials</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>9:00 – 9:10</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clarity on DMH/DAIL Grievance and appeals policy<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Per Danny DeLong of DAIL- If it takes more than 1 conversation to deal with it, it should be labeled as a grievance and filed, as such.</li></ul></li><li>• Clarity on SPSC Name<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ SPSC for Children, Adolescent, and Family Mental Health</li><li>○ State Program Standing Committee for Child, Adolescent, and Family</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>9:10 – 9:30</p>

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<p>Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Child, Adolescent, and Family Standing Committee</li> <li>● Clarity on DMH policy on stipends for C-SPSC</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Admin Rule Update – Eva Dayon</li> </ul>	9:30 – 10:10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Public Comment</li> </ul>	10:00 – 10:15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Close/Meeting Adjournment</li> </ul>	10:15

Agenda Item	Discussion (follow up items in yellow)                      2 members needed for a quorum vote
<p><b>Review October Meeting Draft Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Review agenda for December</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sunny recommended updating notes so the agenda reflects that C-SPSC voted on her membership last month in October – notes were updated.</li> <li>- Would C-SPSC want to put forward recommendations for SOC, that Act 264 creates and puts forward? - Added to December agenda</li> <li>- All committee members voted in favor of passing notes, as is. Quorum was reached and vote passed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Discussion on Grievance and Appeals process, C-SPSC Name, And Stipends</b></p>	<p>Grievance and Appeals process presented by Eva Dayon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DMH would like to have data on more, rather than less, information regarding what clients are concerned about</li> <li>- Also, don't want to put agencies through undue busy work of grievance process – letter writing, processing, etc.</li> <li>- Client shouldn't have to say 'I want this to be a grievance' – the agency should just file it, if it's taken more than 1 person or more than 1 conversation to resolve the issue</li> <li>- Asking agency to send us overview of the complaints that they've had – is it change in case mgr, etc.</li> <li>- Laurie was in a meeting last night and heard all about grievances around accessing medical treatment, when mental health condition involved, economic discrimination in finding a therapist,</li> </ul>

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	<p>technological or transportation related challenges to accessing care, this formal grievance process did not come up – Laurie will share this process with that group</p> <p>State Program Standing Committee – Childrens – Name clarification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laurie and Ron like this - State Program Standing Committee for Children, Adolescent, and Family Mental Health – committee voted for this</li> <li>- Ron doesn't like "Child"</li> <li>- Also proposed SPSC for Children, Adolescents, and Families Mental Health</li> <li>- <b>ACTION</b> – puja will help update DMH website and inform governor's office of the update</li> </ul> <p>Tabled further discussion on C-SPSC stipends until after Sean and Eva's presentation on the Admin Rule update</p>
<p><b>Admin Rule Update</b></p> <p><b>Suicide Prevention work</b></p>	<p>Sean Sheehan and Eva Dayon – Admin Rule update (ppt below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>ACTION</b> – Puja will share the ppt on admin rule update</li> <li>- Rule was est. in 2003, we're currently updated it and would like to make updates more frequently than 20 years, hopefully 3-5 years</li> <li>- <b>ACTION</b> – Eva will send out document with running themes on suggested changes to rule</li> <li>- E.g. currently a theme is that folks are uncomfortable with the word "consumers." Suggested has been "client."</li> <li>- Eva also suggested having all the SPSC's meet together to discuss the admin rule update, to be more efficient with hearing and make suggested language changes</li> <li>- Eva emphasized that DMH heard feedback that Adult and Children's SPSC's do not want to join together – rule update currently includes removing requirement that DMH State Program Standing Committees and Local Program Standing Committees are separate for Adult and Children's populations (to be consistent with DAIL). Current rule update would allow the SPSC's to continue, as is, separate for Adult and Childrens, and also have the option to join together. Many Local Program Standing Committees, may choose to be joint Adult and Children's committees, as it's historically been difficult to recruit and run an independent Children's LPSC.</li> <li>- Suggested rule change includes changing the SPSC to be Governor appointed, to Commissioner appointed, appointed for 3 years. Laurie expressed concerns about Commissioners changing. Eva</li> </ul>

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	<p>expressed that all commissioners they've worked with have taken the SPSC/facilitator's recommendations on new membership and approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Laurie suggested that the Committee take time to reflect on these recommendations to Admin Rule change and then meet together with the other SPSC and then DMH</li><li>- <b>ACTION</b> - Laurie had 'concerns about the system of care as identified by members' – add a bullet that this is primary role of committee, Laurie is referencing the Broken Systems, Broken Promises report</li></ul> <p>Laurie brought up concern about 211 website – looked under Bennington – and suicide prevention – and 988 wasn't listed, UCS's regular Emergency Services number was listed and not 988</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Laurie worked with Beth Diamond to work on links on 211 page</li><li>- Karen – streamlining access to suicide prevention resources, research shows there's a 10 minute window</li><li>- <b>ACTION</b> – Laurie will reach out to Christopher Allen, Director of Suicide Prevention, to get the ball rolling on this</li><li>- <b>ACTION</b> – Sunny will reach out to NKHS and NCSS about offering an update to this committee on implementation of Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan</li></ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- There was no public comment.</li></ul>
<b>10:30 Motion to adjourn meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Cinn made motion to adjourn meeting and all voted to adjourn.</li></ul>