

MEETING MINUTES

ACT 264 Advisory Board

via Microsoft Teams

January 22, 2021

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: DOUG NORFORD

<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Discussion Points</u>	<u>Decisions/Actions</u>
ACT 264 Advisory Board Meeting (9:30-10:30)		
Attending: Cinn Smith, Alice Maynard, Matt Wolf, Heather Freeman, Kristin Holsman-Francoeur, Doug Norford Guests: Christina Thompson, Sandi Yandow, Joanne Crawford, Ron Boss-Lun, Ward Nial		
Approval of December Minutes	December’s minutes were reviewed. Alice made an edit suggestion which was accepted by the group. Christina amended the minutes before they were approved by the board.	
Parent Representative	<p>Discussion continued from the previous month with focus on concerns relating to recruiting, sustaining, and paying for parent representatives. The group discussed the need to seek input and clarity regarding the system of care vision and expectations for the role of a Parent Representative. Alice reminded the group that we need to have a better understanding of this before seeking funding for the positions.</p> <p>The group reviewed possible survey questions that Alice had drafted. The draft questions were written with three populations in mind:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. LIT Members2. Current and Former LIT Parent Reps3. ACT 264 Advisory Board and State Interagency Team (SIT) Members <p>Matt questioned whether formalizing the roles as part-time positions may help with recruitment, and if it would be possible to bundle the LIT Parent Representative role with the Parent Support Provider role with flexible funding available to cover both.</p> <p>Sandi Yandow, the interim Executive Director of the Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health (VFFCMH) was invited to speak as a guest as VFFCMH has been in the role of receiving funding from AHS to reimburse the Parent Representatives who are considered to be independent contractors. Sandi explained how the role has expanded over time and identified a variety of challenges with the current model. Sandi did acknowledge that VFFCMH is committed to continuing with the current model until the contract ends June 30, 2021.</p> <p>When the law was implemented most thought that the Parent Representative role would only involve attending a monthly LIT meeting. Over time the system of care has expected Parent Representatives to do a whole lot more with CSPs. It’s now a much bigger role with higher costs related to increased travel and time.</p>	

	<p>In reference to the CSP process, Sandi questioned “Do we want parents to have access to a Parent Rep?”</p> <p>Matt again suggested bundling the LIT Parent Representative and Parent Support Provider roles into a single position.</p> <p>Cinn (Rutland County Parent Rep.) asked “Hasn’t the expectation already been there that I’m supposed to be supporting parents around the CSP process?”</p> <p>Matt brought this portion of the meeting to a close and stressed the need for the Parent Representative role to be clarified prior to engaging in any advocacy.</p> <p>Alice suggested we carve out time during our next meeting to finalize the survey.</p>	
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