

## MEETING MINUTES

### ACT 264 Advisory Board/Children’s SPSC Joint Meeting via Microsoft Teams January 22, 2021

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:** Joanne Crawford

Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Decisions/Actions
<b>Joint ACT 264 Advisory Board &amp; State Program Standing Committee Meeting (10:30-12:10)</b>		
<b>Attending:</b> Doug Norford, Heather Freeman, Matt Wolf, Alice Maynard, Kris Holsman-Francoeur, Cinn Smith, Ron Bos-Lun, Ward Nial		
<b>Guests:</b> Christina Thompson - DMH, Joanne Crawford - DMH, Sandi Yandow – VFFCMH, Diane Bugbee – DAIL, Alison Krompf - DMH		
Diane Bugbee – IFS Update	The System of Care (SOC) Report went out on January 11. This is the COVID-19 edition. The next Local Interagency Team (LIT) Connections meeting is February 9. 10:00 – 11:00 on Teams. Come with ideas to discuss.	
2021 Guests Discussion	The group would like to invite representatives from the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) including Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (ADAP), Agency of Human Services (AHS), Department of Mental Health (DMH), Department of Children and Families (DCF), and Agency of Education (AOE) to attend one of their meetings and provide updates. Guests will be given the option of coming sooner via Zoom or coming later in person. The group will work on coming up with a list of generic questions for the guests. The questions should have a COVID focus. The group will review the 2020 SOC recommendations and use it to drive questions for each guest. The goal is to keep it simple with only 3 questions. They will use the previous guest letters as a template. Christina will send the previous letters and recommendations to the group. The questions for the group will be finalized via email.	Christina will send the group the letters that were sent to previous guests. Christina will send out 2020 SOC recommendations to group.
Review December Joint Meeting Minutes	Cinn moved to accept minutes as written; Alice seconded. All in favor and the motion passed. Ron, Doug and Kris abstained.	
Alison Krompf – DMH Update	The hiring freeze is still in place for State of Vermont agencies, but DMH did get permission to hire for the Assistant Director of Quality and Director of Policy. The department is currently conducting interviews for the Assistant Director of Quality. Alison will come back next month and tell the group about the candidates.	
NKHS Designation Update	The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has resigned from Northeast Kingdom Health Services (NKHS). Paul Bengston has stepped in as Interim CEO. A Corrective Action Plan (CAP) was submitted by NKHS to DMH on January 11 <sup>th</sup> . There is now a new NKHS Board Chair and five new board members. DMH has until February 11 <sup>th</sup> to provide feedback on the CAP to NKHS and then they will move forward with the plan. The group felt DMH should let the community know that the agency is moving in the right direction.	
Public Comment	No public comment.	
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 12:05.	