

## MEETING MINUTES

Act 264 Advisory Board

via Microsoft Teams

October 23, 2020

### MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: DOUG NORFORD

<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Discussion Points</u>	<u>Decisions/Actions</u>
<b>ACT 264 Advisory Board Meeting (9:30am-10:00am)</b>		
<b>Attending: Matt Wolf, Cinn Smith, Alice Maynard, Doug Norford Guests: Sandi Yadow (VFFCMH), Joanne Crawford (DMH), Christina Thompson (DMH)</b>		
A. Welcome – note taker and timekeeper	Matt chaired the meeting and Doug took the minutes	
B. Review September Meeting Minutes	<b>Review of September Minutes:</b> No questions or corrections identified, but minutes were unable to be approved at this time due to not having a quorum present. (A quorum of Act 264 Advisory Board members was reached later during the Joint Act 264/State Standing Committee portion of the meeting and the minutes were at that time approved).	
C. LIT Survey Results	<p>Prior to the meeting Alice had compiled survey feedback by regions and questions. The group reviewed this document and Alice summarized the themes that stood out for questions #5, # 8 and #9. Time did not allow for review and discussion of question 3 – which was also included in the document.</p> <p>The themes identified and discussed were:</p> <p><b>#5 - What new meetings, programs or innovations have you developed in these trying times that you hope to continue using once we are out of this crisis?</b></p> <p><u>Themes:</u> Benefits of telehealth, increased access for family participation, virtual signatures, expanded options for the provision of support and activity groups, increased family access to webinars and virtual trainings</p> <p><b>#8: As the Board drafts its recommendations for the inter-agency system of care in 2021, what would you most like us to be aware of?</b></p> <p><u>Themes:</u> Increase in severity and demand with no corresponding workforce increase, housing needs, food insecurity, concerns regarding the possibility of residential facilities closing, challenges finding individuals to provide respite supports.</p> <p><b>#9: We would like to begin highlighting a youth, adult, or program that demonstrates positive effort and</b></p>	

	<p><b>tactics in promoting youth and/or family voice and achieving positive outcomes for children and families living with special needs. Therefore, please describe in one paragraph an individual or program in your region that exemplifies these two important elements of our system of care.</b></p>	
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Themes: Identification of the importance of Family Representatives, not all responses were tied back to increases in family voice.