

MEETING MINUTES
ACT 264 Advisory Board
Microsoft Teams Meeting
December 18, 2020

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: HEATHER FREEMAN

<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, Ward Nial, Laurie Mulhern, Matt Wolf, Theresa Sunderland, Heather Freeman		
Phone:		
Guests: Christina Thompson, Diane Bugbee, Sandi Yadow		
Parent Representative	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What have we learned about what works and what doesn't? 2. Where are we presently? 3. How could we improve our processes and situation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cinn - Speaking as a parent rep of 14 years, expectation was that parent rep was part of CSPs as well as LIT and higher-level system of care. However, there is only an ability to bill for a certain number of meetings (maybe a resource issue). • Heather – There is a disconnect between the value we place on parent support and yet the financial supports that are allocated for this. • Laurie - Agreed with everything that Cinn said and spoke to the critical nature of that higher-level of support for parents, particularly after the dx of a child. • Cinn - Money that the VFFCMH has ends up running out which limits the capacity for parent support. • Alice - When the law went into place, parents were viewed very differently. Parent perspective and voice needed to go into the planning for the interagency system of care. There wasn't as much focus on the CSP process, but more focus on the larger system of care; LIT and SIT. Never sat down to acknowledge where the resources are coming from and what they are needed to support. • Matt- What if we funded a parent rep in each of the regions in Vermont. • Sandi - There will be enough money to support LIT parent reps through June 2021. DMH contributes \$15,000 per year and that is the cap. • Alice - Times have changed and it is a challenge. Finding the people who have the time, energy, knowledge, compassion to do both the work on the ground and the policy work. • Laurie - Great flexibility is needed in this role; it's a huge time commitment and takes away from the parent reps own time and family. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandi – VFFCMH learned that in the shift to virtual meetings, the state parent rep has been able to send one parent rep to multiple regions. Even though access is still a concern, from an equity standpoint, all CSPs have been able to be covered. • Matt - Fully fund parent reps, demonstrate the value of this role. • Heather - Could the Project AWARE grant be a catalyst for changing the way we fund LIT and CSP parent reps? • Sandi - Does see the AWARE grant (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education) as a mechanism for enhancing this role. Wonders if in the framework that we already have, could we focus on the state parent rep role? We have not talked about the goal of increasing the number of CSPs and then more that have LIT parent rep support. • Alice – Focus on LIT, SIT, CSP process. The state would fund four parent rep positions for 12 regions (three regions per rep) plus SIT and CRC rep (1), including a recruitment and retention process. This would be funded by DS, DMH, VDH, DAIL, AOE (four of these have historically contributed money). • Matt- Could we get a number for what the total cost would be? • Sandi - Yes, it can be done as it is work that they are already beginning. • Laurie - Is training and support a part of this? • Matt- Yes, it would be. 	
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