

MEETING MINUTES
ACT 264 Advisory Board
Microsoft Teams Meeting
February 26, 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, Kristin Holsman-Francoeur, Doug Norford, Teresa Sunderland Guests: Christina Thompson, Joanne Crawford, Sandi Yandow, Paula Bacon		
Finalization of State Leadership Questions	<p>The group reviewed the “State Leadership Questions” draft and agreed on including the first 2 proposed questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coming out of the other side of the pandemic, what are your top three focus areas? 2. What are the innovations that have come out of the pandemic that you would like to maintain going forward? <p>Alice proposed including a question related to how kids are struggling from the impact of COVID-19.</p> <p>Kris indicated that from her perspective (schools) kids are struggling a lot. Kris described some of the approaches that are being debated and shared concerns around the possible impact of students and their families finding out how far behind their child may be.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to include a question asking AOE how they plan to move forward with addressing the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students.</p> <p>Kris offered that we will likely have to go back to a hybrid remote/in-person model at some point and suggested a question regarding how AOE is preparing for that scenario. “How is your Agency going to take the lessons learned over the last year and prepare for either a reoccurrence or COVID-19 or other event.</p> <p>Alice reviewed the AOE questions from last year and voiced two areas of concern that seemed to increase during the pandemic: a) substance abuse has increased in the general public and b) children seem to be having a harder time with dental care with big increases in tooth grinding and cavities.</p> <p>There was a question regarding whether AOE had a link to the Act 264 Advisory Board on their website. Cinn checked and found it, but indicated it was not easy to find.</p>	The group agreed to invite Commissioners to scheduled Zoom meetings and send them the questions w/ the meeting links after we finalize the questions.

Approval of January's Minutes	January's minutes were reviewed and approved.	January minutes were approved
Meeting Structure	The group began to discuss the structure of the Joint ACT 264 Advisory Board/Children's State Standing Committee meeting and identified the original rationale for merging the two groups, the pros and cons that have come out of this and whether we want to continue as a merged group or separate back in to two distinct groups.	This conversation continued into the joint ACT 264/Children's State Standing Committee meeting portion of the meeting

ACT 264 ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

- Heather Freeman, Hyde Park
- Kristin Holsman-Francoeur, Leicester
- Cindy Tabor, Barre
- Alice Maynard, Underhill
- Tiffany Moore, Williston
- Doug Norford, Pittsford
- Cinn Smith, Fair Haven: Co-Chairperson
- Teresa Sunderland, Essex Junction
- Matt Wolf, Springfield: Co-Chairperson
- Laurie Mulhern, Pittsford