

## MEETING MINUTES

### ACT 264 Advisory Board/Children’s SPSC Joint Meeting

via Skype only

May 22, 2020

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:** Joanne Crawford

<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Discussion Points</u>	<u>Decisions/Actions</u>
<b>Joint ACT 264 Advisory Board &amp; State Program Standing Committee Meeting (10:00 – 11:40)</b>		
<b>Attending via Skype: Kris Holsman-Franoeur, Cindy Tabor, Heather Freeman, Cinn Smith, Matt Wolf, Alice Maynard, Ron Bos-Lun, Ward Nial, Doug Norford, Laurie Mulhern</b>		
<b>Guests: Christina Thompson, Joanne Crawford, Jessica Bernard, Cheryle Wilcox</b>		
Cheryle Wilcox – IFS Update	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There are two upcoming Building Bright Futures forums on mental health to support children and families and early childhood professionals through transitions during the coronavirus crisis. The first forum is for families on May 27th at 1:00pm. The second forum is for early childhood professionals on June 4th at 11:00am.</li> <li>2. The Department of Mental Health (DMH) continues to send out communications regarding COVID-19 updates on guidelines and resources.</li> <li>3. Cheryle asked if there are issues that DMH should be paying attention to that have not yet been discussed. a) Guidance on how things will change going forward, b) Concern for children reaching the age of 18 and not having the services they are used to receiving.</li> <li>4. The Local Interagency Team (LIT) visits have been put on hold for the summer. In the fall, the visits may be virtual.</li> <li>5. The State of Vermont is still in a hiring freeze except for essential jobs at the Middlesex facility and State Hospital. DMH is currently unsure as to when the freeze will be lifted.</li> <li>6. Cheryle would like to ask Diane Bugbee, Children’s Services Specialist at the Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) to start attending these meetings to provide additional updates.</li> </ol>	
Jessica Bernard – Emergency grant from SAMSHA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DMH is applying for an emergency response for suicide prevention grant from SAMSHA. The focus is on domestic violence that leads to suicide. This grant will give the ability to create protocol and strengthen connections with hospitals and designated agencies (DAs). It will also create the means for people to connect to services faster. DMH is hopeful that it will also strengthen relationships with first responders, as they are under incredible stress. The grant application will be submitted later today. The grant amount awarded could be for up to \$800,000.</li> </ol>	
Review April Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alice moved to accept the April Act 264/SPSC joint meeting minutes, Kris seconded. Vote to approve unanimous.</li> </ol>	
LIT Survey	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group reviewed and worked on the newly proposed LIT Survey questions. Cheryle will be bringing the draft survey to State Interagency Team (SIT) next week for review. The Act 264/SPSC group will plan</li> </ol>	Alice will rewrite the questions and send out to the group

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	to approve a finalized version of the new LIT survey at the June meeting. The group will ask for the survey to be completed by August 14 <sup>th</sup> and will plan to connect via email to review responses.	before the SIT meeting next week.
Public Comment	1. No public comment.	
Adjournment	1. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.	