

MEETING MINUTES

ACT 264 Advisory Board/Children’s SPSC Joint Meeting

Via Skype

June 26, 2020

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: Joanne Crawford

<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Discussion Points</u>	<u>Decisions/Actions</u>
Joint ACT 264 Advisory Board & State Program Standing Committee Meeting (10:00-11:50)		
Attending: Matt Wolf, Ron Bos-Lun, Heather Freeman, Alice Maynard, Cinn Smith, Laurie Mulhern, Doug Norford, Ward Nial, Cindy Tabor		
Guests: Christina Thompson – DMH, Joanne Crawford – DMH, Cheryle Wilcox – DMH, Diane Bugbee – DAIL, Laurel Omland - DMH		
<p>Cheryle Wilcox and Diane Bugbee – IFS Update</p>	<p>Public Consulting Group (PCG) is working with the Agency of Human Services (AHS) to analyze the youth residential services in VT. They are currently scheduling focus groups and will be interviewing administration, families, community providers, and various other groups and teams. PCG will make recommendations this fall and AHS will move forward with their vision.</p> <p>The request for Mobile Response funding may not be approved by the legislature this year due to budget cuts. However, Designated Agencies (DAs) are receiving vans to go into the community as part of the recently awarded SAMSHA grant.</p> <p>The Department of Mental Health (DMH) has created some Public Service Announcements that are currently on local radio stations (except VPR) and on the DMH website. The radio spots feature Dr. David Rettew and Loki, a State Police search dog.</p> <p>DMH will be refocusing on the 10-year plan. The Mental Health Integration Council will start October 1st. Commissioners Sarah Squirrel and Dr. Mark Levine will chair the council. Among the members of the council, there will be people with lived experience. A website will be created for the 10-year plan.</p> <p>Currently, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) and the Department of Health (VDH) are meeting to talk about home visiting and required guidelines for safety. They are also looking at the personal protective equipment (PPE) needs of DAs. DAIL’s website has COVID-19 information and guidance.</p> <p>The Agency of Education (AOE) has put out their guidance for the start of school in the fall.</p> <p>There are numerous public documents about Brattleboro Retreat (BR) at the legislature that the Act 264 Advisory Board and Children’s State Program Standing Committee (SPSC) may be interested reading. There is a plan for a 12-bed unit for youth at BR. The hope is that with these additional beds, we will have fewer children going out of state for services. BR is moving the residential youth program back to Osgood, but there is not a timeframe for the move yet.</p>	<p>Cheryle will send the group a link to the bill creating the MH Integration Council.</p>

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Laurel Omland – Success Beyond Six Update	Success Beyond Six is the Medicaid funding mechanism for School Mental Health Services provided through DAs in partnership with a local education agency. Laurel shared a PowerPoint with the group that provided information about the current status of Success Beyond Six. When COVID-19 hit, DMH worked with the Department of VT Health Access (DVHA) to see what was allowed through telehealth. DAs could continue to provide services to students remotely. More intensive services were not able to be provided and the funds were not coming into the DAs. A temporary emergency case rate was established by DMH to help the DAs, which led to some problems with the payment model.	
Finalize 2020 LIT Survey	The group reviewed and discussed the final draft of the 2020 Local Interagency Team (LIT) Survey. Alice will work on the cover letter, then send it to Matt and Cinn to review. Christina will send out the final cover letter and survey on Tuesday or Wednesday to LIT coordinators.	Christina will send out the survey on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.
Review May Joint Meeting Minutes	The group reviewed the May joint meeting minutes. Ron moved to accept the minutes, Cinn seconded the motion. Vote to approve was unanimous.	
Public Comment	No public comments.	