

Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council (BBF SAC)

Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2014 Meeting

BBF Office, Williston, VT

Present: Betsy Rathbun-Gunn, Mark Sustic, Ben Allen, Mary Burns, Robin Stromgren, Eddie Gale, Jeanice Garfield, Dave Yacavone, Tim Volk, Rebecca Holcombe

By phone:

Absent: Harry Chen, Lisa Ventriss, Kiersten Bourgeois, Cathi Ste. Marie, Doug Racine, Kevin Mullin, David Zuckerman, Bill Frank

Community Partners/Guests: Breena Holmes, Loli Berard, Pam McCarthy, Kim Keiser, Aly Richards, Reeva Murphy, Ann Dillenbeck, Manuela Fonseca, Mary Smit, Sue Ryan, Lauren Smith, Karen B, Kate Rogers, Cynthia Greene, Wendy Cunningham, Diane Cummings, Julianne Nickerson, Laura Bernard, Becky Raymond

Staff: Julie Coffey, Katie Mobbs

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**Call to Order and Welcome**

Tim Volk called the meeting to order at 1:37pm and welcomed all in attendance.

**Consent Agenda**

It was noted that there was not a quorum present at the start of the meeting to vote on the February meeting notes.

**Chittenden Region Presentation by Julianne Nickerson**

**Council details:**

* + There are 17 members on the Council
  + 14,662 children ages 0-8 in the Burlington AHS District (based on the 2010 census)
  + 8 school districts in Chittenden County

**Direct Services:**

* + Welcome baby services;
    - 105 packets of information delivered to community obstetric practices
    - 203 packets and *Baby Faces*  books distributed to 6 pediatrician offices
    - 37% of children receive books (based on birth data of 548 babies born- 203/548)
    - 89% of babies welcomed into the community with a postcard or letter (490/548)
  + Playgroups (356) held annually at 25 different sites
  + Chittenden baby shower;
    - Baby shower in January serving approximately 70 pregnant women

**Other BBF Council Activities:**

* + - CIS admin team and systems committee
    - Collaborations with partners (ACCESS, United Way/FAHC, Kid Safe, Mental Health Workgroup)
    - Transportation GET THERE! Research study
    - Project LAUNCH implementation
    - Early Childhood Professional of the Year Celebration
    - TEDxEvent in the works

**How can the State Council support Chittenden:**

* + Financial support
  + Sustainable base funding
  + Ask how things are going, use the information to inform policy work
  + Continue the support LAUNCH provides
  + Support data building infrastructure

**Race To The Top- Early Learning Challenge Project Presentation by Manuela Fonseca, Reeva Murphy, Breena Holmes, Aly Richards and Julie Coffey**

**Overview:**

* $36.9 million over four years
* Goals of grant:
  + School readiness for children with high needs
* Improve quality and access for early learning and development opportunities
* Invest in a highly skilled workforce through professional development
* Empower communities to support young children and families
* Strengthen our capacity to ensure we are making a difference

Aligns with Vermont’s greater reform effort:

**TO REALIZE THE PROMISE OF EVERY VERMONT CHILD**

**The presentation in its entirety can be found at:**

<http://buildingbrightfutures.org/learn-about-vts-race-to-the-top-early-learning-challenge-grant/>

**Annual Building Bright Futures Work-Plan Final Draft by Julie Coffey**

The annual Building Bright Futures Work-Plan final draft was handed out to all Council Members, please respond to Julie with feedback via email by March 31st. Julie will then finalize and send electronically as a file attachment. The Council worked with Julie on this plan at the retreat on December 16th she simply compiled the information.

**Announcements**

Children’s Budget and *How Are Vermont’s Young Children* are both about to be released.

Action Plan transitions to Building Bright Futures in April

Early Childhood Campaign *Let’s Grow Kids* kick-off is April 25th

**Next Meeting- Monday April 28th 1:30-4**

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