

Draft Minutes – May 3, 2018

SRC Advocacy, Outreach and Education Committee

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Thursday, May 3, 2018	12:15pm – 1:45 pm	Waterbury State Complex Room Cherry C HC 2 South 280 State Drive Waterbury, VT 05671
Meeting called by	Sam Liss, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:18 pm.	
Members Present	Sam Liss (Chair), Max Barrows, Sherrie Brunelle, Diane Dalmasse (ex-officio, non-voting), Martha Frank, Marlana Hughes, Sarah Launderville, Calla Papademas, Olivia Smith-Hammond	
Members Absent	Cari Kelley, Deborah Tucker Boyce	
SRC Liaison		
SRC Coordinator	Debra Kobus	
Interpreters	n/a	
Speakers/Pre senters	n/a	
Guests	Tara Howe (VR Youth Transition Program Coordinator), Lee Reilly (Max Barrows' assistant)	
1) Introductions (Sam Liss)		
Discussion	Those in attendance went around the table and introduced themselves.	
Conclusions	Thanks to everyone!	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
2) Approval of Agenda (Sam Liss)		
Discussion	Sam asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Diane moved, and it was seconded, to add discussion of the Youth Advisory Board under the Youth Core Transition Team Collaboration agenda item. There was no further discussion. Vote unanimous 8-0-0.	
Conclusions	Motion passes - today's agenda accepted with additions.	

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None		n/a	n/a
3) Open for Public Comment (Sam Liss)			
Discussion	There was no public comment.		
Conclusions	n/a		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		n/a	n/a
4) Approval of Minutes – March 1, 2018 (Sam Liss)			
Discussion	Sam asked the group to review the March 1, 2018 minutes and asked if there were any amendments. There were none. Calla moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote unanimous 8-0-0.		
Conclusions	March 1, 2018 minutes approved without amendment.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
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5) Legislative Updates (Group)			
Discussion	<p>Federally: HR4547 – Social Security Representative Payee Bill strengthening protections against fraud passed both Houses unanimously and was signed into law on April 13, 2018. There is now grant funds available to be awarded to protection and advocacy groups and certain state agencies to conduct reviews and prevent fraudulent use of social security money.</p> <p>SILC (Statewide Independent Living Council) and CIL (Center for Independent Living)– unexpectedly had \$12M added to the budget. It is unknown how much Vermont will be getting at this point.</p>		

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	<p>Two proposals to eliminate Social Security work disincentives are moving forward.</p> <p><u>State</u></p> <p>Attendant Services Program –approximately \$765,000 funding was restored (previously received a cut of \$1.4M)</p> <p>Reach Up Funding – did not get restored</p> <p>Vermont Association for Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) – no increase</p> <p>Vermont Legal Aid funding was restored</p> <p>Vermont Long-Term Care Ombudsman Project – renewed funding</p> <p>Diane asked if anyone was looking at the new work requirements related to Medicaid. Sarah said not at this point. Currently it is only an option for states.</p> <p>Position for the deaf was not added this session in AHS. Could happen in the future.</p> <p>Work Force Development bill – AHS consumers would be considered an affiliated population.</p> <p>Special Education Bill – a group will be meeting around special education – funding formula changed to block grant which we need to keep our eyes on.</p> <p>The group discussed at length various legislation and ADHD. Sam would like to continue this discussion at another time.</p>	
Conclusions	<p>There is much legislation moving forward and it is important for members of this committee to keep abreast of these.</p>	
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	Responsible	
None	n/a	n/a
6) Report out on March 20 Card Room Event - Successes and Opportunities for Improvement (Group)		
Discussion	<p>We thought there was improvement over previous years. There were several legislators that came over and sincerely were curious. It was helpful that we had the cookies! The room wasn't too cluttered with other distractions which Sam thinks helped. We had a great turnout out from VR staff as well as SRC members.</p> <p>Improvements discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOE Committee members should try and attend legislative committee meetings prior to budget completion; • Testifying; • AOE Committee members being present in the cafeteria with brochures, etc., in addition to the Card Room event next year. <p>2019 Card Room Reservation - Debra reported that the SRC has received notice that the Vermont State Rehabilitation Council is scheduled to use the Card Room at the Vermont State House on Thursday, March 14, 2019, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.</p>	
Conclusions	<p>This year's event was better than previous.</p> <p>Improvements discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOE Committee members should try and attend legislative committee meetings prior to budget completion; • Testifying; • AOE Committee members being present in the cafeteria with brochures, etc., in addition to the Card Room event next year. <p>2019 Card Room Reservation - Vermont State Rehabilitation Council is scheduled to use the Card Room at</p>	

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	the Vermont State House on Thursday, March 14, 2019, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.	
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<p>To Parking Lot: 2019 Suggestions for Improving Outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOE Committee members should try and attend legislative committee meetings prior to budget completion; • Testifying; • AOE Committee members being present in the cafeteria with brochures, etc., in addition to the Card Room event next year. 	Debra – Reminder to Group	Open
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<p>7) Discussion</p> <p>a) Youth Core Transition Team Collaboration in the fall</p> <p>b) Youth Advisory Board (Tara Howe, VR Youth Transition Program Coordinator, & Group)</p>		
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>a) Youth Core Transition Team Collaboration – Collaborating with the Youth Core Transition Team is a fortuitous opportunity for both the SRC and the Transition Team. October 16 is the Interagency Core Teams Event with proposed involvement by the SRC.</p> <p>Tara said what is great about the event is the number of departments that are involved – anyone that is working with youth is invited! We are bringing all these groups together to think about what is going on for everyone and how we all can support these initiatives. The focus of the event is having keynote speakers discuss what is going on, what is going well, and have the teams discuss these initiatives. Instead of having a national keynote speaker, we want to focus in on the State level as far as keynote speakers. In</p>	

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terms of the setup of the day, we are envisioning some shortened length of multiple keynote speakers. We also want to provide time for core teams to process their year while also providing workshops and networking opportunities.

Sam asked how the SRC can interact with the day or events leading up to the day?

Diane said that since many of the departments and organizations attending the event have advisory boards, perhaps the SRC AOE Committee could be involved specifically with the other advisory boards related to Advocacy, Outreach and Education.

Sarah said that many advisory groups do not understand that they are the group that can go and speak to legislators. Perhaps we could have a training for advisory boards related to this.

As far as leading up to the day, members of the SRC AOE Committee could become engaged with their own local legislators to get them to attend the core team meeting and invite them to come to future meetings in their area.

Sam asked how workshops have been developed and if a workshop as described above could be added. Tara said we have established workshops based on information that we have obtained from surveys and other means, but we certainly could create another workshop.

Martha suggested that the most concrete thing members of this committee could do is to reach out to their own legislators and invite them to the event considering the timeframe (members of the House Ed and the Human Services Committees as an example). A formal invitation to local legislators will be sent by Tara and then the SRC can follow up on the formal invitation.

Sarah will put together a paragraph or two of her vision on

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	<p>the purpose of a workshop related to advisory boards. The Planning Committee for the event will review it and see if there is interest. The Planning Committee will be meeting again on May 23.</p> <p>Sam asked how best we can communicate since we do not meet again until September. This will be done through Sarah who will be developing a vision statement (above) related to the proposed workshop as well as either Diane or Tara reaching out to the committee to let them know they can start contacting their local legislator.</p> <p>b) Youth Advisory Board – Diane said that we have had this idea of pulling together a Youth Advisory Board comprised of many different disability advocacy organizations who would come together and address multiple key interests. We have met a couple of times and last week’s meeting was very good - filled with lots of energy and enthusiasm. We wanted to make sure that this group was aware of this effort.</p>	
<p>Conclusions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah will put together a paragraph or two of her vision on the purpose of a workshop related to advisory boards. • Tara will reach back to Sarah on the result of the Planning Committee’s May 23 meeting and the proposed establishment of an additional workshop on advisory boards. • Sarah will communicate with the committee as to result of the Planning Committee’s decision. • Tara and/or Diane will communicate with members about when to contact their local legislators related to the Interagency Core Teams Event on October 16. 	
<p>Action Items</p>	<p>Person Responsible</p>	<p>Deadline</p>
<p>A paragraph or two will be put together about the purpose of a proposed advisory board workshop.</p>	<p>Sarah Launderville</p>	<p>5/22/18</p>
<p>Tara will reach back to Sarah on the result of the Planning Committee’s May 23 meeting and the proposed establishment of an additional workshop on advisory boards.</p>	<p>Tara Howe</p>	<p>5/24/18</p>

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Sarah will communicate with the committee as to result of the Planning Committee’s decision.	Sarah Launderville or designee	5/25/18
Tara and/or Diane will communicate with members about when to contact their local legislators related to the Interagency Core Teams Event on October 16.	Tara Howe and/or Diane Dalmasse	tbd
8) Perky Planet Café (Group)		
Discussion	The committee ran out of time – item tabled at this time.	
Conclusion	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
9) Other Business (Sam Liss)		
Discussion	None	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
9) Adjournment (Sam Liss)		
Discussion	Adjourned by consensus.	
Conclusions	Adjourned at 1:47 pm	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
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PARKING LOT:		
<u>Suggestions for Improving Outreach in 2019:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOE Committee members should try and attend legislative committee meetings 	Debra – Reminder to Group	Open

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