

Minutes - September 6, 2012

SRC Advocacy, Outreach and Education Committee

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Thursday, September 6, 2012	1:30 am - 3:30	VABVI, 60 Kimball Avenue, South Burlington, VT 05403	
Meeting called by	Sam Liss, Chair at 1:37 pm		
Members Present	Ellie Marshall, Christine Kilpatrick and Whitney Nichols (via phone)		
Members Absent	Don Parrish, Sarah Launderville, John Alexander, Jennifer Whitmore, and Diane Dalmasse		
SRC Liaison	-----		
SRC Coordinator	Rebekah M. Stephens		
Interpreters	-----		
Speakers/Presenters	-----		
Facilitator	-----		
1. Today's Agenda			
2 minutes	-----		
Discussion	Ellie Marshall moved to approve agenda. Christine Kilpatrick 2nded.		
Conclusions	Agenda approved.		
2. Approval of Minutes - May 3, 2012 Committee Meeting			
3 minutes	-----		
Discussion	Christine Kilpatrick moved to approve. Ellie Marshall 2nded.		
Conclusions	Minutes approved.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Approved minutes to be uploaded to SRC website		Rebekah Stephens	10/10/2012
3. Summer Happenings Catch-Up			
30 minutes	Committee Members		
Discussion	Christine Kilpatrick shared that new special education rules are opening up for discussion. Vermont Family Network is seeking state funding for Family Peer Navigator positions. Whitney Nichols, Ellie Marshall and Sarah Launderville will be participating on panels at the upcoming Killington Conference. Ellie Marshall is now a Weight Watchers' leader.		
Conclusions	n/a		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		n/a	n/a
4. Potential Relevant 2013 Legislative Issues			
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Discussion	The budget itself is the main topic. Good news, though, the 2013 budget looks solid. Too early to tell about 2014. Doug Racine reported more people are working and there is additional pressure for child care. It also appears that there is an increase in individuals involved in the correctional system. Unexplainably, health care costs have lessened at this time. Physician Assisted Suicide may be coming up for vote. Legislation on universal design in public spaces may be on the agenda.		
Conclusions	The budget is definitely the main concern and will be the driving factor behind most legislation.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None.		n/a	n/a

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5. Health Care Issues: MWPD, Dual Eligibles and State Health Care Reform Status		
15 minutes	Sam Liss	
Discussion	Under Affordable Care Plan, anyone with income 133% over the poverty level with be kicked out of MWPD and forced to enroll in the exchange program. The federal government is leaving this issue to the States. VT will keep the present eligibility rules. Brendan Hogan's grant ends 12/31/2012. Brendan is developing a report for the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA), Department of Aging And Independent Living (DAIL) and Department of Children and Families (DCF). The report is due on September 17, 2012 and will then go to AHS in October 2012. The report will address 7 points on how to improve work incentives. Dual Eligibles - Pilot program to integrate Medicaid and Medicare is being designed. Implementation, if design is approved, is set to begin January 2014. Dual Eligibles will have a 3 year waiver. Global and Choices will be 5 year waivers. State Health Care Reform - January 2014 is the mandatory start date for the Exchange programs. The VT single payer system is scheduled to begin in 2017.	
Conclusions	The upcoming Presidential election will have a great impact on many of the above programs and initiatives.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
6. Veterans' Initiatives		
15 minutes	Diane Dalmasse	
Discussion	Diane is on vacation.	
Conclusions	Agenda item skipped.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
7. Transportation		
20 minutes	Whitney Nichols	
Discussion	The SILC presentation went very well. An increased awareness of the difficulty in transportation around Vermont was achieved by the presentation.	
Conclusions	Excellent work, Whitney.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
8. National Updates: WIPA, WIA and NCD SSA Proposal		
15 minutes	Sam Liss	
Discussion	WIPA (Work Incentives Planning and Assistance) funding ended June 2012 and the program was shut down nationally. VT still has internal funding available for this program for the next 2 or 3 years. California has introduced legislation to renew WIPA funding. WIA (Rehab Act)- It has been 13 years since reauthorization of the Rehab Act. NCD SSA Proposal (National Council on Disability grant) - Vermont, Kansas, Utah, and Wisconsin are working together. The States are charged with providing concrete proposals for saving money while increasing work incentives. Sam, James Smith and Sarah Launderville are participating for Vermont. Sam will be doing approximately 48 hours of work on this grant. The SRC will be paying him for this work (approx. \$480.00).	
Conclusions	The 4 states will be providing the proposals to National Social Security experts.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a

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9. Other Business		
20 minutes	Committee Members	
Discussion	Thoughts were shared about Don Parrish and his impact on the members professionally and personally.	
Conclusions	Don will be missed greatly.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
10. Adjournment		
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Discussion	Whitney Nichols moved to adjourn. Ellie Marshall 2nded.	
Conclusions	Meeting adjourned at 2:41 pm.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Draft minutes submitted for approval	Rebekah Stephens	10/5/2012
Draft minutes uploaded to website www.VTSRC.org	Rebekah Stephens	10/10/2012
Minutes approved by Committee	Committee Members	11/1/2012
Approved minutes uploaded to website www.VTSRC.org	Rebekah Stephens	11/9/2012