

Minutes – March 7, 2013

SRC Advocacy, Outreach and Education Committee

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Thursday, March 7, 2013	1:30 am – 3:30	VABVI, 60 Kimball Avenue, South Burlington, VT 05403
Meeting called by	Sam Liss, Chair	
Members Present	Kerry White, Laban Hill, Diane Dalmasse, Ellie Marshall, John Alexander, Whitney Nichols (via phone) and Sarah Launderville (via phone)	
Members Absent	none	
SRC Liaison	n/a	
SRC Coordinator	Rebekah M. Stephens	
Interpreters	n/a	
Speakers/Presenters	n/a	
Facilitator	n/a	
Guests	Ellen Vaut, Vermont Family Network, recently applied for SRC membership	
1. Today's Agenda		
2 minutes	-----	
Discussion	No discussion.	
Conclusions	Agenda approved.	
2. Approval of Minutes – January 3, 2013 Committee Meeting		
3 minutes	-----	
Discussion	No discussion.	
Conclusions	Unanimously approved.	
Action Items		Person Responsible
Approved minutes to be uploaded to SRC website		Rebekah Stephens
		Deadline
		3/22/2013
3. Discussion on Election of AOE Chair		
15 minutes	-----	
Discussion	Sarah Launderville is a wonderful fit for chair. Members discussed ideas on how to rejuvenate interest in AOE committee. Focus of AOE should be on providing opportunities for SRC members to be active in advocating and providing a presence at various outreach functions throughout Vermont. AOE should fill the role of strategist for advocacy and outreach projects and then engaging the full SRC for implementation. Sarah agreed to commit to being chair of AOE for one year.	
Conclusions	Committee members agreed by consensus. Sarah Launderville is new chair of AOE effective March 8, 2013. Rebekah Stephens to contact Sarah to discuss upcoming agendas and new plan for AOE committee.	
Action Items		Person Responsible
Contact Sarah regarding May 2013 agenda		Rebekah Stephens
		Deadline
		4/8/2013
4. Discussion on AOE Committee Membership and Attendance		
15 minutes	-----	
Discussion	Discussed above and during Steering Committee meeting in depth. AOE committee to become more of a “do” committee.	
Conclusions	Rebekah Stephens to contact new chair, Sarah Launderville, to discuss new plan for AOE committee.	
Action Items		Person Responsible
Contact Sarah to discuss new plan for AOE committee		Rebekah Stephens
		Deadline
		4/8/2013

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5. Discussion on Changing of AOE Meeting Times and/or Days and Mode of Meeting		
15 minutes	-----	
Discussion	No discussion on this topic today.	
Conclusions	To be discussed during new plan for AOE committee discussion.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
6. Discussion on prospective MH/Employment presentation before the House Human Services Committee in discussion at the AOE Committee meeting		
15 minutes	-----	
Discussion	Julie Tucker, scheduling coordinator for the House Human Service committee, has been contacted via email. We are awaiting a response from her as to the date and time the testimony will be scheduled. Sam Liss asked Rebekah Stephens to email Julie again and request March 28 th in order to coincide with Disability Awareness Day. Each presentation before the House Human Service committee will be no more than 12 minutes each. Sarah Launderville suggested that testimony not be limited to SRC members. She suggested Laura Flint testify to downward trend in CRT successful closures and George Nostrand from Vermont Psychiatric Survivors. Committee members discussed who is allowed to testify. State employees will be referenced during testimony as contacts for additional information.	
Conclusions	Sarah will contact George to see if he is willing to participate in testimony. Whitney Nichols and Ellie Marshall will be testifying.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Contact George Nostrand in reference to testimony in front of House Human Services committee	Sarah Launderville	4/1/2013
Provide written testimony to Rebekah Stephens	Ellie Marshall & Whitney Nichols	3/27/2013
7. Health Care Issues: MWPDP (Medicaid for Working People with Disabilities), Dual Eligibles Project, and State Health Care Reform Status		
10minutes	Sam Liss	
Discussion	MWPDP: Significant update – Mark Hoffman is working with moving forward with possible demo program to get viable data on at least one of the five suggestions. Is there increased consumer spending and increased revenue? Are more people working and paying taxes? The goal is to secure viable data that supports that these changes work. Dual Eligibles Project: State innovation model grant was approved by CMS for a total of \$85 million. Payment and service delivery processes are the focus. State Health Care Reform Status: Will be active as of January 1, 2014. The global commitment waiver will be renewed in January 1, 2014. Choices for Care is included in global commitment waiver.	
Conclusions	Things are moving forward.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
8. Pertinent 2013 State Legislative Issues		
10 minutes	-----	
Discussion	No discussion.	
Conclusions	None.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
9. Veterans' Initiatives		
10 minutes	Diane Dalmasse	
Discussion	No new updates.	

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None	n/a	n/a
10. National Updates: CRPD (Convention on Rights of People with Disabilities), BOND, WIA (Rehab Act) and NCD SSA Update		
5 minutes	Sam Liss	
Discussion	BOND: Sam Liss is presenting on this in June in front of full SRC. This is an 8 year demo project. Concern is on cost of demo project and that the data compiled by the project will not be sufficient to make decisions. The question is why should the money be spent for the demo project? The demo project will look to answer the question “will graded SSDI work?” In the restructured SSDI, the 9 month work trial period will be eliminated. NCD SSA Update: James Smith, Sam Liss and Sarah Launderville are on the VT team for the national consortium. They are continuing to work on the project.	
Conclusions	Sam will keep AOE informed of the national updates.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
11. Transportation Issues/SILC Taskforce		
10 minutes	Whitney Nichols and Sam Liss	
Discussion	The taskforce is working with providers around the state to see what can be done with less budget. First teleconference was held in January 2013. Vermont Human Services Transportation plan was discussed. Focus was on gaps in service. Another follow up meeting is to be scheduled.	
Conclusions	Keep up the great work, Whitney!	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
12. Other Business		
10 minutes	-----	
Discussion	Sequestration – VR is going to fare alright. VR will get its 3.5% COLA in this year’s budget and will lose 5.1% due to sequestration for a net loss of 1.6% which comes out to about \$180,000 of the total budget. Re-allotment funds will make it easier to absorb the loss. The bigger question right now is “will re-allotment money be there for next year?” VR won’t know until August or September 2013. SILC Networking Breakfast is set for March 21, 2013 from 7am – 9am at the Capitol Plaza in the Montpelier Room. The Olmstead Reinvigoration Meeting is scheduled from 10am – 2pm on the same day, same place. A buffet lunch will be served. Disability Awareness Day is March 28, 2013.	
Conclusions	March is a busy month.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
13. Adjournment		
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Discussion	No discussion.	
Conclusions	Meeting adjourned at 3:11p.m.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Draft minutes submitted for approval	Rebekah Stephens	4/5/2013
Draft minutes emailed to Committee members	Rebekah Stephens	4/5/2013
Minutes approved by Committee	Committee Members	5/2/2013
Approved minutes uploaded to website www.VTSRC.org	Rebekah Stephens	5/10/2013