

MEETING: The Vermont Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind Advisory Council

DATE: 11-12-2015 Time: 9:00 – 12:00pm

Attendee Committee Members: Amy Williamson, Bill Hudson (Co-Chair), Cindy Moran, Deb Charlea Baker, Elena Shapiro, Judy Vreeland, Keri Darling, Linda Hazard (Chair), Mark Limoges, Missy Boothroyd, Ralph Gallo, Sharon Henry (conference phone), Spenser Wepler, Stuart Soboleski, Susan Kimmerly.

Additional Attendees: Cory Brunner (interpreter), Virginia Clark (interpreter), Patricia Thompson (minutes).

Next Meeting: January 7, 2016 Vermont Agency of Education 219 North Main Street, VT 05641

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | DECISION |
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| Welcome and Introductions- | <p>Linda Hazard welcomed the council. Brief, individual introductions were made around the room. Susan Kimmerly suggested name placards for the next meeting.</p> <p>Bill Hudson discussed the Biographies to be emailed to him. They should include education, background, “Who you are.”</p> | <p>Patricia Thompson will bring marker and paper for name placards for next meeting.</p> <p>Bill Hudson will email out a sample biography for all to follow. Craft you own personal biography and email back to Bill Hudson bill.hudson@vermont.gov .</p> |
| Discussion of Current Services Available | <p>Birth – 22 Services- Susan Kimmerly presented on the services offered today for Birth to 22. The Power Point Presentation was passed out to all present.</p> <p>Questions presented to Susan Kimmerly-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) What age does PIP encompass? Birth – 32) How many infants are receiving PIP services? 22 infants | <p>Birth – 22 Services</p> <p>Linda Hazard stated the purpose of the group here today is to look at services and the working groups will begin to work on the challenges and opportunities that we see.</p> <p>Susan Kimmerly stated that nothing is set in stone, looking for peer review research.</p> |

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| | <p>PIP has 8 parents/coaches/consultants/staff, all offer sign support.</p> <p>3) Who are the resources open to? Currently there is individualizing sign instruction to the family based on needs.</p> <p>4) How do families determine services? Many families research before meetings with the program, discuss options with audiologists/medical providers and parent infant coaches/advisors. Some will contact the VTEHDI program. There is a grant with ME, NH, VT- looking at how information can be presented to families; looking at gaps with a non-biased approach including QA improvement measures that are being worked on right now.</p> <p>Amy Williams concerned about what is offered to the birth - 3 groups based on research.</p> <p>Ralph Gallo concerned with the overall program. Are there guidelines and protocols? There are feelings of no deaf representation.</p> <p>Adult Services – Presented by Bill Hudson and Missy Boothroyd. Information sheet passed out to all present. Identified current adult services from age 22 through adulthood.</p> | <p>Main objectives are Quality, Consistency, Equity</p> |
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| | <p>Elderly Services – Presented by Deb Charlea Baker. AJ Van Tassel helped put information together with Deb. Information sheet passed out to all present</p> <p>Some cross-over with Adults Services. Senior citizens who are Hard of Hearing, Deaf or Deaf/Blind it was really tough to find out what the services were out there. Senior Solutions in Springfield had a ton of information and give them credit for helping out.</p> <p>Parking Lot – Questions, concerns and thoughts to be addressed within sub-committees and the council.</p> <p>Deaf Commission Service providers Single Point of Entry Meeting Norms Funding</p> | <p>Adult Services – The information sheet will be updated and emailed out to all.</p> |
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| <p>Identify Sub-Committees</p> | <p>Birth – 3 Motion to have Amy Williamson Chair – Elena Shapiro 2nd the motion – Stuart Soboleski Discussion – none All in favor – all Motion passed</p> <p>School Age Motion to have Stuart Soboleski Chair – Amy Williamson 2nd the motion – Elena Shapiro Discussion – none All in favor – all Motion passed</p> <p>Adults Motion to have Elena Shapiro Chair – Bill Hudson 2nd the motion – Susan Kimmerly Discussion – none All in favor – all Motion passed</p> <p>Elderly Motion to have Deb Charlea Baker Chair – Amy Williamson 2nd the motion – Elena Shapiro Discussion – none All in favor – all Motion passed</p> <p>Working group size Motion to have group size of 5 or 6 – Ralph Gallo 2nd the motion – Susan Kimmerly</p> | <p>A doodle poll will be emailed to the group with a choice of two groups you would like to join. Choose two groups on the poll and submit.</p> <p>The chairs Linda Hazard and Bill Hudson will review internal (council) and external candidates for working groups. A list of potential external candidate recommendations should be emailed to Linda and Bill.</p> <p>Linda will email a Nationally accepted template for all groups to use.</p> <p>There will NOT be a meeting on December 3 for the Council but groups can meet separately at their own convenience. The Barre office will be available with interpreters.</p> |
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Discussion – Judy Vreeland discussed range of representation

Ralph Gallo amended motion to have “group size of 5 or 6” to have “group size of up to 6.”

2nd the motion – Susan Kimmerly

Discussion – none

All in favor – all

Motion passed

Quorum Size

Motion for quorum to be set at 13 – Stuart Soboleski

2nd the motion – Missy Boothroyd

Discussion – none

All in favor – all

Motion passes

of members present to vote

Motion for simple majority - Susan Kimmerly

2nd the motion – Amy Williamson

Discussion – simple vs super majority

All in favor – 7/7 Tie

Discussion

Motion to close discussion and revote – Amy Williamson

2nd the motion – nothing

All in favor – none

Motion for super majority – Deb Charlea Baker

2nd the motion – Mark Limoges

Discussion – none

All in favor – all

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| | Motion for Super Majority passed | |
| Building a Highly Effective Team and Wrap Up | <p>Motion to accept minutes from October 19, 2015 meeting- Missy Boothroyd 2nd the motion – Deb Charlea Baker Discussion – none All in favor – all Motion to accept 10/19/15 minutes passed</p> <p>Motion to adjourn – Keri Darling 2nd the motion – Elena Shapiro Discussion – none All in favor – all Motion to adjourn passed</p> | <p>Homework – Linda Hazard will email information about conflict resolution. Read and review before next meeting. At the January 7, 2016 meeting she will give a Power Point Presentation on Conflict Resolution.</p> <p>If you will be on conference phone for the January 7, 2016 meeting please email Patricia Thompson, patricia.thompson@uvmhealth.org ahead of time so that we can have the system set-up and ready.</p> |