

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

DATE: 01-10-17 Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Attendee Committee Members: Deb Charlea Baker, Missy Boothroyd, Jennifer Bostwick, Rebecca Chalmers, Keri Darling, Ralph Gallo, Linda Hazard (Chair), Bill Hudson (Vice-Chair), Monica Hutt, Susan Kimmerly, Cindy Moran, William Pendlebury, Kelley Rohrer, Elena Shapiro, Sherry Sousa, Camilla Strauss (B-3 sub-committee meeting), Spenser Wepler.

Conference Phone: Sharon Henry, Judy Vreeland, AJ Van Tassel

Additional Attendees: Patricia Thompson (minutes), Virginia Clark (interpreter), Kristal Hier (interpreter), Norma Miller (White Coat Captioning – CART)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 21st – Waterbury – AHS – WSOC Oak 49 RM A283

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION
Welcome and Convening of Council - Linda Hazard.	Verify Sharon Henry, Judy Vreeland and AJ Van Tassel on the conference phone. Welcome everyone, hope all had a good holiday season.	
Update on funding, Birth to 3 Parent Infant Program – Susan Kimmerly	Susan summarized the supplemental funding proposal from Children’s Integrated Services (CIS) for the parent infant program. Linda reviewed history of Children’s Integrated Services (CIS) past funding for the parent infant program.	

VTEHDI update

- CDC
- HRSA
- Snapshot Survey

Linda Hazard

Linda updated the Council on EHDI and future funding.

- **CDC** (Centers for Disease Control) Cooperative Agreement Application supporting VTEHDI 7.1.2017 to 6.30.2020– received at the end of December 2016, due March 6, 2017. The agreement is focused on data- diagnostic and early intervention. Funding is \$150,000 per year for 3 years.
- **HRSA** (Health Resources Administration) Maternal–Child Health falls under HRSA. Will know in March whether we receive the funding. Funding is set for \$250,000/year for 3 years.
- **Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Reauthorization**
 - The bill passed the Federal House of Representatives in 2015 and the bill was stopped by the Federal Senate in Dec of 2016. Currently the Senate is asking for changes.
 - Funding for EHDI is appropriated through 2018.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Linda will keep the council informed about EHDI Reauthorization and updates regarding suggested changes by the Federal Senate ● Snapshot Survey with NCHAM (National Center for Hearing and Management) Sent surveys to parents of children between born 2010 and 2016 enrolled in early intervention. Surveys sent to Audiologists and Parent Infant Providers. Surveys were also intended for CIS Case Workers. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Linda will share survey data will be shared with the council as soon as it becomes available.</p>
<p>Identify Sub –Committee Chairs – Linda Hazard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Birth to 3 year olds – Kelly Rohrer ● School age (3 years of age -22 years of age) - Co-Chairs Sharon Henry and Sherry Sousa ● Adults (22 years of age to 65 years of age)- Keri Darling ● Seniors (65 years of age +) - Deb Charlea Baker 	

<p>Council Attendance</p>	<p>Attendance of Council Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill and Linda put together a letter to address attendance directly to ensure we have every member that's been appointed at the table. • If a member cannot be in person or conference phone, then a representative from that department will be in attendance either in person or conference phone. • Superintendent Position – Cindy Moran to contact Jeff Francis to identify a potential candidate to fill the position. 	<p>Linda and Bill –Letter to membership regarding expected attendance at meetings.</p> <p>Outcome – Susette Bollard as agreed to be a member of the council.</p> <p>Susette L. Bollard Superintendent of Schools Orange North Supervisory Union Serving the Towns of Orange, Washington and Williamstown 111B Brush Hill Road Williamstown, VT 05679 802-433-5818</p>
<p>Discussion of a School for the Deaf in Vermont.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council recognizes the value that a School for the Deaf could provide, but reestablishing a Deaf school in the state is no small task. Challenges include number of children in Vermont who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or DeafBlind, rural nature of the state and funding. A regional program is another consideration. 	

<p>How do other Commissions/Divisions//Councils function</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division of the Blind is a “bench-mark”, “clearing house of information”, and “best practice” that all groups are operating under the same level of expectation. It is a model for the state. – Sherry Sousa. • Consider having Fred Jones, Director of the Division of the Blind to come in and explain what age groups they work with and how? 	<p>Monica gather information from the Division of the Blind for our next meeting.</p> <p>Linda will gather information on the DeafBlind program with birth to 3 group for our next meeting.</p>
<p>Quality Improvement Initiatives</p>		<p>Linda to send out presentation on Quality Improvement – small tests of change- PDSA (Plan – DO – Study – Act) – which is the cycle of small test of change. Discuss at the March meeting.</p>
<p>Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf Blind Information and Referral agencies for age groups</p>	<p>There is no longer a central point of entry for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf Blind children and adults. Three agencies will serve as central points of contact: Vermont Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (VTEHDI): birth to 3, 9 East Network: school age and Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL): adults and seniors</p>	<p>Monica Hutt will development a statement to be place on the Vermont Early Hearing Detection and Intervention website</p>

<p>Sub-committees to report on recommendations-short term, midterm and long term</p>	<p>The finalized versions of sub-committee reports be sent to all of us by January 30th.</p>	<p>Action Steps –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify two of the gaps that your committee would like to recommend to the full council that they will work on for this year. 2. Finalize the gap analysis that you’ve completed. 3. Separate the gaps into Short, Mid and Long-term goals. Add to the bottom of the graph.. <p>Due – Monday, January 30th</p>
<p>January 15th letters to the Legislature</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter stating that each subcommittee is going to pick two areas in their gap analysis to begin working on. 2. Interpreter report 	<p>Linda email letter for all to review. Will be submitted on Friday, January 15th.</p>
<p>Additional business and additional updates</p>	<p>Vermont Health Department Website is live.</p> <p>Web address is –</p> <p>http://healthvermont.gov/family/health-care/hearing-health</p> <p>Scroll down to The Vermont Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf/Blind Advisory Council.</p>	

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- Vermont Council Meeting Minutes
- Vermont Council Reports

Transition at Agency of Human Services-

Al Gobeille – Secretary
Martha Maksym – Deputy Secretary

Directory of Services-

Add a statement for information and services for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing and deaf/blind.

These three organizations will act as an entry network.

1. VCIL – adults
2. Nine-East – School Age
3. EHDI – birth -3

Add statement to DAIL, VCIL, Nine-East and EHDI websites.

Monica will write statement.

<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Motion to Adjourn– Deb Charlea Baker 2nd the motion – Rebecca Chalmers All in favor – all Motion passed</p>	<p>Items attached to minutes –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information to do a presentation on PDSA (Plan – DO – Study – Act) – which is the cycle of small test of change. 2. http://healthvermont.gov/family/health-care/hearing-health
<p>Action Items for next meeting.</p>	<p>Action Items for January 30th and next meeting –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify two of the gaps that your committee would like to recommend to the full council that they will work on for this year. 2. Finalize the gap analysis that you’ve completed. 3. Separate the gaps into Short, Mid and Long-term goals. Add to the bottom of the graph. 4. Due – Monday, January 30th 	<p><u>Future Meetings-</u></p> <p>Tuesday, March 21st – Waterbury – AHS – WSOC Oak 49 RM A283</p> <p>Tuesday, May 16th – Waterbury, AHS – WSOC Oak 49 RM A283</p>