

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

DATE: 11-02-17 Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Attendee Committee Members: Deb Charlea Baker, Susette Bollard, Missy Boothroyd, Jennifer Bostwick, Rebecca Chalmers, Keri Darling, Ralph Gallo, Sharon Henry, Danielle Howes, Bill Hudson (Vice Chair), Monica Hutt, Leslie Johnson, Susan Kimmerly, Cindy Moran, , William Pendlebury, Judy Vreeland , Spencer Wepler, Amy Williamson.

Conference Phone: Linda Hazard (Chair), Kelley Rohrer, AJ Van Tassel

Additional Attendees: Patricia Thompson (minutes), Kelly Decker (interpreter), Kristal Hier (interpreter), Susan Edelman (reviewing meeting before facilitating)

Next Meeting:

WEBSITE LINK - <http://healthvermont.gov/family/health-care/hearing-health>

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION
Welcome- Linda Hazard and Bill Hudson	Linda and Bill verify attendees on conference phone and captioning link working. Linda let others know some attendees are running late. Linda and Bill welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Discussion of Report to Legislature- Linda Hazard and Bill Hudson <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recommendations and Updates for Legislative Report	Legislative report due January 15 th , 2018 Recommendation – 1) A Commission for the D/HH/DB.	

<p>○ Discussion of Paid Position</p>	<p>We have responsibility for making change, for bringing information to the legislature but we don't have any authority to make that change as a council. We only have the ability to make recommendations.</p> <p>2) Paid Position.</p> <p>VT had one in the state years ago, state level position that would support D/HH/DB and have more responsibility than the council currently has.</p> <p>Motion – The D/HH/DB Council recommends the creation of a leadership position with responsibilities that would include creating, coordinating, directing and collaborating to oversee the following six domains for deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind from cradle to grave. The six domains are 1) educational 2) coordination 3) delivery of service 4) data collection 5) expansion of professional capacity/accessibility; language, community and equipment and 6) outreach in public education and advocacy.</p> <p>— Sharon Henry 2nd the motion – Keri Darling All in favor – all Motion passed</p>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sub-Committee Updates	<p>Birth to 3 sub-committee updates</p> <p>EHDI – funding to help the Birth to 3. Hands and Voices activities-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Care Project – end of September at Burke Mountain2. Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont collaborative met in October – review early intervention surveys mailed out in September.3. Begin discussion about a shared website that would have non-biased information for families.	
<p>Late arrivals and introductions around the room.</p>	<p>Introductions around the room as late arrivals have arrived at council meeting.</p>	
	<p>School Age sub-committee updates</p> <p>Review draft with rest of the school-age sub-committee and share with council at next meeting.</p>	

	<p>School for the Deaf – Keeping an eye on the numbers of both 1) birth to 3 and 2) school-age groups in regards to a School for the Deaf. Keeping in mind realistic expectations to add to the report.</p>	
	<p>Adult sub-committee updates</p> <p>No Report at this time. Discussion of focus groups around the state. Discussion on passing out surveys around the state.</p>	
	<p>Elderly sub-committee updates</p> <p>Have had no meetings. Ongoing process of collecting data with the hopes of passing on to a position of leadership. Next step will be writing the report.</p>	
	<p>Discussion of format for sub-committee reports.</p>	<p>Bill and Linda meet to discuss format and email to the council for consistency. Suggestions – please email Bill and Linda</p>

<p>Health Equity Discussion- Rebecca Chalmers</p> <p>Council Member updates</p>	<p>Motion - to create a sub-committee to work on the hearing coverage section of our report. – Rebecca Chalmers.</p> <p>2nd the Motion – Keri Darling</p> <p>All in favor – All</p> <p>Motion passed</p> <p>Hearing coverage sub-committee members-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rebecca Chalmers 2. Keri Darling 3. Kelly Rohrer 4. AJ Van Tassel 5. Deb Charlea Baker 6. Spenser Wepler 	
<p>Council Member updates</p>	<p>No council updates at this time.</p> <p>Nominate members -</p>	<p>Forms to be mailed to council members.</p>
<p>Retreat Planning- Linda Hazard</p>	<p>Retreat Day - is Tuesday, January 16, 2018</p> <p>Time – 10 – 4</p> <p>WSOC</p>	<p>4 interpreters confirmed for the Retreat Day on Tuesday, January 16, 2018</p>

Public Input	No public comment	One public person – Susan Edelman Susan will be emailing questions to the group prior to the retreat day. The response of the group will help form the activity for the day.
	Motion to Adjourn– Susan Henry 2 nd the motion – Deb Charlea Baker All in favor – all Motion passed	
		<p>The next scheduled meetings will be:</p> <p>Tuesday, January 16, 2018 – Retreat Day 10-4 Retreat meeting will be held at Waterbury, AHS – WSOC Cherry A, B and C. This is a large room with the two ends walled off for break-out rooms. Snacks and lunch will be provided at the retreat.</p> <p>Below meetings will be held at Waterbury, AHS – WSOC Oak 49 RM A283 Tuesday, March 20, 2018 - Time – 10-1 Tuesday, May 22, 2018 - Time – 10-1</p>

