

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting
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Members: Monica Hutt, State Chief Prevention Officer; Janet McLaughlin, Commissioner for Children and Families designee; Ilisa Stalberg, Commissioner of Health designee; Laurel Omland, Commissioner of Mental Health designee; Alison Thomas; Secretary of Natural Resources designee; Nate Formalarie, Secretary of Commerce and Community Development designee; Nicole Miller, Vermont Afterschool Executive Director; and Kendal Smith, Governor's Office.

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Present: Monica Hutt; Chief Prevention Officer; Janet McLaughlin, Commissioner for Children and Families designee; Laurel Omland, Commissioner of Mental Health designee; Alison Thomas; Secretary of Natural Resources designee; Nate Formalarie, Secretary of Agency of Commerce and Community Development designee; Nicole Miller, Vermont Afterschool (VAS) Executive Director; Kendal Smith, Governor's Office; and Heather Bouchey, Interim Secretary of Education.

Agency of Education (AOE): Jess DeCarolis, Student Pathways Division Director; Johannes Haensch, Extended Learning Opportunities Program Manager; and Maureen Gaidys, Administrative Services Coordinator.

Members of the public/others: Tara Howe, Vocational Rehabilitation Regional Manager;

Call to Order, Introductions and Roll Call, Amendments to Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm and asked members to introduce themselves and identify their role on the Committee.

Approve Meeting Minutes from July: [Draft Meeting Minutes – July 26, 2023](#)

The Chair asked for a motion to be made to approve the minutes from July's meeting. Nicole motioned to approve the minutes and Aly seconded the motion. The Chair called the vote and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting minutes were approved.

Public to be Heard

-No public comment

Review summary of existing afterschool & summer expansion programs

-Full report expected to be ready by the fall

-Awards and programs were discussed and added to the brainstorming document

- Another round of grants available in September, this may be the final round depending on the funding that remains.
- The Summer of STEM was successful in that students were able to attend for free.
- 21C one time expansion for pandemic funding
- Other sources of funding Child Development Division (CDD), Title Funds, ESSER Funds
- Career foundations pilot was brought up by Kendal and welcomed updated on the program.
- The program is wrapping up, so the data is being collected, but some base level data on participants was shared.
- The Summer Career Foundation
- Norther lights program at CCV for childcare professionals.

- 4 million dollars in afterschool money may be more once the budget is adjusted.
- Act 26 readiness payments will start soon, and afterschool providers are included in that
- Map update, not as much progress as expected due to disruptions with flooding.
- Act 76 something that is coming July 2024, incentive bonuses.
- CDD running program with grants and bonuses for professional development.

Presentation from AOE on framework of new grant program for Advisory Council feedback

- Not all information can be shared because it could put others at an advantage with the application process.
- The group discussed how best to discuss the competitive grant without compromising its integrity

Broad strokes

- 4 absolute priorities to meet Act 78 when pulling applicants.
- Looking at sustainability and how to develop programs that will last especially with federal funding coming to an end
- How to redirect people away from funding that is not steady enough to help maintain programing
- Monica asked if the goal was to provide guidance on how programs should seek out funding.
- The answer is yes, they hope to be able to assist programs in finding available funding.
- Duplications of student count is occurring, so this duplication needs to be undone.
- Monica asked if a weekly count could be kept to help map the fluctuation of need.
- Multi year awards are the goal for the cannabis funding so that it is sustainable, 3 years will help to build capacity.

Re-establishment of Youth Career Exploration & Best Practices Subcommittees

- Saved for next time because not enough time was left.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Sabina Brochu