



**Task Force on Equitable and Inclusive School
Environments – Subcommittee #4
October 13, 2021, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting
Call In: 1-802-828-7667
Conference ID: 344 200 724#
1 National Life Drive, Room 514
Montpelier, VT 05620-2501

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Marianna Donnally (Department of Mental Health), Sandra Cameron (VT School Boards Association), Christine Kilpatrick (VT Family Network)

Members of the public/others: Susan Aranoff

Agency of Education (AOE): Maureen Gaidys

Call to Order/Roll Call/Amendments to Agenda: The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Opportunity for Public to be Heard – Susan Aranoff- no comments at this time- just listening

Working Session- Need for data, AOE is aware that it is not being reported fully- how to address gaps in system when data collection is inconsistent, need more conversation around this and how to address- need definition of when kids are sent home for anything other than service delivery or physical illness- any time a child exits a program there needs to be a detailed explanation as to why (detailed exit form) including what additional resources were offered and/or tried before the child was exited- this would be sent to AOE. Children Integrated Services (CIS)-family support division – could be a good referral but there's no one available in many cases to do the work. Act 166 – difficulty getting services for kids who need them if in childcare not in district- consistency across districts- AOE could provide curriculum – alignment needed between Department for Children and Families (DCF) and AOE- childcare providers have inconsistent standards between the two agencies. Amount of documentation can be cumbersome- don't want to add to it too heavily- DCF focus on safety vs AOE's focus on education quality - work needs to be done on reducing interagency redundancy. Childcare doesn't have same support to help with infrastructure as a public school- difference between act 46 and school consolidation and childcare setting having many small settings- will talk with larger group 10/14 to see if some subcommittees can be consolidated to make process more efficient/doable.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Christine Kilpatrick