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Advisory Committee (AC) 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**

**AC Members Present:** **Janet McLaughlin**, Deputy Commissioner, Child Development Division; **Laurel Omland**, Director of Child, Adolescent and Family Unit; **Ilisa Stahlberg**, Director, Maternal and Child Health; **Nate Formalarie**, Secretary of Agency of Commerce and Community Deputy Commissioner of Housing and Community Development; **Alison Thomas**; Secretary of Natural Resources designee; **Monica Hutt**, State Chief Prevention Officer; **Nicole Miller**, Vermont Afterschool (VAS) Executive Director; **Kendal Smith**, Governor's Office.

**Agency of Education (AOE):** Zoie Saunders, Interim Secretary of Education; Johannes Haensch, Program Manager; Jill Briggs Campbell, Interim Deputy Secretary; Emanuel Betz, 21C CCLC State Coordinator, Maureen Gaidys, Administrative Services Coordinator.

**Members of the public/others:** Tara Howe

#### **Call to Order/Roll Call/Amendments to the Agenda**

Smith called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and welcomed members and asked them to introduce themselves. There were no amendments to the agenda.

#### **Approve [October 30, 2024, Meeting Minutes](#)**

Formalarie moved to approve the October 30, 2024, meeting minutes; Miller seconded. There was no discussion. Smith called the vote. The motion carried. Hutt abstained as she was not at the October meeting.

#### **Proposal for the Remainder of FY25 Funds/ Framework for FY26**

Secretary Saunders spoke about the unique opportunity to accelerate the vision to expand universal afterschool and the focus on capacity building. She also shared that there is an opportunity to bring in some broader partnerships to achieve scale and priorities. The goal for today is to get feedback and finalize the report to the General Assembly.

Briggs Campbell shared this presentation, "[Act 78 Afterschool and Extended Learning Program - Summary and Proposals for FY 25 and the Future](#)" and spoke about the opportunity statement, why universal afterschool and extended learning, Act 78 Afterschool grants, what success looks like, and how success is measured.

There was discussion on the Committee weighing in on performance measures as well, summer school and academic enrichments, thinking expansively and not limiting language,

bridging vocabulary and language gaps, very literal community, terms of students vs. children and youth.

Haensch spoke about the Program/Center grant program model, two tracks for flexibility (program and center), how it is related to but distinct from 21C, FY24 grantees, building towards capacity, FY25 grant plan, and a map of current Act 78-funded afterschool sites.

There was discussion on encouraging collaboration/partnerships on grants in FY24, success in that effort, supporting areas of intense need, geography as criteria for consideration in grant applications, and marrying geography with capacity.

Briggs Campbell spoke about extended learning as a statewide strategy, push-in model, and proposal for FY25 and FY26.

There was discussion on Grand Isle as a geographic priority, county preference, taking into account data from The Learning Agenda, push-in lowers the bar and allows families to directly access services, capacity building approach, supporting equity via local partnerships, leveraging regional relationships, building on existing programs, importance of slots available and utilization, drop-in centers that target middle and high-school students, acknowledging that mental health is listed as a priority, data from participants that support these programs that shows this programming helps to keep youth engaged in a career and stay in Vermont, combination of push-in supports and professional development for program staff, and building expertise.

Briggs Campbell continued to discuss capacity building grants, funding for transportation as an example, reality of budgets (school, libraires, childcare), small grants to relieve budgetary pressures, technical assistance grants, support for matchmaking with state and local entities, available funding and projections and awards, four tracks that address the full range of what we are trying to build.

Smith said the AOE will be using this presentation to create a report to the General Assembly and asked for any additional feedback to be sent directly to [Zoie.Saunders@vermont.gov](mailto:Zoie.Saunders@vermont.gov) and [Jill.BriggsCampbell@vermont.gov](mailto:Jill.BriggsCampbell@vermont.gov) by close of business December 20, 2024.

Smith said a formal vote from the Advisory Committee was not required but that the discussion and chat thread was positive and supportive. Smith offered to connect with Tara Howe and the Career Exploration piece. For future meetings, it was suggested that the Council spend a future meeting discussing mental health or career exploration.

### **Public to be Heard**

There were no members of the public to be heard.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Maureen Gaidys