

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Agency of Human Services Hartford District Office

Address: Room 120, 118 Prospect Street, White River Junction, VT 05001

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018 (9:30 AM – 2:30 PM)

Present: Mary Barton, Sherrie Brunelle, Eileen Guyette, Troy McAllister, Nancy Richards (by phone), John Spinney (AOE), Philip Eller, guest (VT Autism Task Force).

Agenda

- 9:30 - 9:40 Roll Call, Assign Roles, Review/Revise Agenda as Needed
- 9:40 - 9:45 Open Meeting –Sign-in Sheet/Public Comments Approve
- 9:45 - 9:50 Minutes for September 2018 Meeting
- 9:50 -10:50 AOE Update
- 10:50 -12:00 Review Letter to New Secretary of Education
- 12:00 - 1:30 Review Act 173
- 1:30 - 2:20 Share AOE list of requests for support and discuss priorities
- 2:20 - 2:30 Determine action steps, prepare agenda for the next meeting, and wrap up

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As Council did not have quorum, the meeting participants agreed to discuss agenda items, but made no decisions. September minutes were not reviewed or approved, so will need to be discussed at January 2019 meeting.

AOE Update

John Spinney reported AOE Updates: Special Education team is down four staff; Cindy Moran (State Special Education Director) will be retiring before Christmas. Chris Case is the interim division director who replaced Karin Edwards when she retired over the summer. Projects that AOE will share for Council feedback: graduation readiness tool, Case Studies, Proficiency-based Graduation Requirements (PBGR) Access Plan (replacing old multi-year plan).

Review Letter to New Secretary of Education

Sherrie agreed to simplify the letter to Secretary. Troy will forward her draft to the Council for consideration before next meeting. Final draft will be approved by the full council.

Review Act 173

Act 173 discussion centered around reading of the minutes from that advisory group. Recommend keeping Act 173 as a standing agenda item and review minutes regularly. Discuss and decide specific questions as a full council.

Rules revision will be forthcoming; this is an area that is statutorily part of this council's purview.

Share AOE list of requests for support and discuss priorities

Council members are encouraged to generate list of concerns with rules to bring to full council discussion as we begin our review.

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January 17, 2019 - Agenda

Roll Call, Assign Roles, Review/Revise Agenda as Needed

Open Meeting –Sign-in Sheet/Public Comments Approve

Minutes for December 2018 Meeting

Membership discussion

Letter to Secretary

Proficiency-based Graduation Requirements (PBGR)/Graduation Readiness tool

Review Act 173 group minutes and discussion

Other/Updates

Determine action steps, prepare agenda for the February 14, 2019 meeting, and wrap up