

Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council
Executive Committee Meeting Notes ~ April 2, 2018
VTDDC Office, 322 Industrial Lane, Berlin VT

Present:	Miriam Stoll,
Absent:	Terry Holden, Kay Stambler, Kaiya Andrews, Julie Arel
Support Staff:	None
Guests:	None
VTDDC Staff:	Kirsten Murphy, Susan Aranoff, Chelsea Hayward

1. Welcome, Minutes, and Updates:

A quorum was not present. Miriam Stoll and Council staff had a general discussion about items on the agenda.

2. Committee Appointments Needed:

The group discussed the need for a broader charge for the Membership Committee, which should include outreach and recruitment, as well as interviewing.

Follow-up: Miriam will reach out to the following potential members of this committee: Melanie Feddersen, Carol Hassler, and Gina Carrera. Kirsten will reconfirm Adrian's participation.

3. Other Appointments:

A couple of ideas were shared for a potential point-person for financial matters.

4. Membership Recruitment:

Kirsten briefed the group on the recruitment and interview process that the Council has used in the past. There will be an initial meeting to discuss outreach, gaps that need to be filled in our representation, and logistics. Two self-advocates have already inquired about joining and are working on applications.

5. Executive Director Evaluation:

Follow-up: Survey – Miriam will check with previous Council President and retired member, Fred Breunig, about how the survey was distributed in the past.

6. VTDDC Policies:

It was agreed that these need significant revisions.

Follow-up: Staff will collect relevant guidance from ITACC and examples from other Councils.

7. Other: Meeting Format

One member has expressed concern about the length of our quarterly meetings. Miriam would like the Executive Committee to discuss length, frequency, additional support for self-advocates, and how best to have this conversation with the full Council. Surveying members was also discussed as an information-gathering tool.

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