

Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council
5 Year Meeting Minutes ~ July 28, 2016
Green Mountain Self-Advocates, Montpelier

Approved September 29, 2016

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| Present: | Fred Breunig, Stacey Emerson, Terry Holden, Catherine Hybels, Dion LaShay, Ed Paquin, Lisa Rudiakov, Kay Stambler, Jennifer Stratton, Cinn Smith, Adrian Vaut |
| Absent: | Gary De Carolis, Gina Carrera, Carol Hassler, MD, Rachel MacMartin, Clare McFadden, Marcy Ryan, Susan Ryan, John Spinney, Miriam Stoll |
| Support Staff: | None |
| Guests: | Nicole LeBlanc |
| VTDDC Staff: | Kirsten Murphy, Chelsea Hayward |

1. Welcome and Minutes:

Fred reminded the group that this is an official meeting. Quarterly Meeting minutes from June 23, 2016 were corrected and approved by consensus.

Fred introduced our new member, Stacey Emerson who is a parent. It was agreed that our three new members would count toward a quorum and would participate in voting “unofficially” as their Governor appointment is still pending.

2. Public Comments and Federal Guidance:

Submitting the State Plan. Kirsten reported that when the Council submits its Five Year Plan on August 15, 2016, the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities has said they will issue one of four levels of approval: Not approved, which will only occur if the plan is not submitted on time; provisional approval with revisions due January 1, 2017; provisional approval with provisions due August 15, 2017; or approved. Kirsten stressed that the Plan, which includes a comprehensive needs assessment and other information, is a working document that will change throughout the five-year cycle.

Federal reviewers have stressed that they want plans that clearly show:

- Who are the underserved populations in our state?
- What is the Council’s plan for working with our Network Partners?

VTDDC’s goals and objective may not be specific enough in these two areas, Kirsten said.

Public Comments. Kirsten gave a brief overview of the public comment collection process. There were 47 individual respondents. Kirsten will respond in writing to public comments as a whole and post this response (attachment A).

3. Reviewing Public Comments and Federal Guidance:

The Council reviewed each Goal and Objective; revisions were made based on public comment and federal guidance.

Goal One: Underserved Population

Kirsten reminded the group that they had selected high poverty, rural communities as the focus of this goal.

Terry said, *“The first barrier is money. It’s easier to identify economic barrier, as it’s the reason why people are underserved.”*

Motion: Kay moved to change Goal One to specify targeting *two* underserved communities which are described “characterized by economic poverty”. Terry seconded. The Council had a discussion on what it meant to be impoverished.

Motion passed: 8-0-3.

Goal One. Objectives 1.1 through 1.4.

Motion: Kay moved that descriptive “economic poverty” be added to objectives 2 and 3. Lisa seconded.

Motion passed: 8-0-3.

Motion: Terry moved to adjust objective 1.4 phrasing as “person and family centered care”. Lisa seconded. Discussion.

Motion passed: 8-0-3.

Goal Two: Advocacy and Self-Advocacy.

No changes were suggested.

Goal Two. Objectives 2.1 through 2.4

Motion: Lisa moved to add to Objective 2.2 the phrase “in collaboration with our network partners”. Terry seconded.

Motion passed: 8-0-3.

Goal Three: Systems Change

Motion: Kay moved to add “and families” after “Vermonters with developmental disabilities, including those currently not identified”. Lisa seconded.

Motion passed: 8-0-3.

Goal Three. Objectives 3.1 through 3.5. Cathy suggested objective 3.1 to say “especially 76,000”.

Motion: Ed moved to write “including those who do not qualify for home and community based services”. Lisa seconded.

Motion passed: 8-0-3.

Motion: Kay moved to insert at the beginning of 3.4 “in collaboration with our network partner, the Protection and Advocacy Agency”. Ed seconded.

Motion passed: 8-0-3.

4. Public Comments for Meeting:

Guest, Nicole LeBlanc, expressed her appreciation that the comments she had submitted were helpful to process.

Fred adjourned the end of the meeting at 12:30 pm.