

**Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council**  
**Special Session Minutes ~ January 19, 2017**  
VTDDC Offices, Berlin

**Approved March 23, 2017**

<b>Present:</b>	Fred Breunig, Dion LaShay, Ed Paquin, Lisa Rudiakov, John Spinney, Cinn Smith, Kay Stambler, Jennifer Stratton, Miriam Stoll
<b>Absent:</b>	Carol Hassler MD, Terry Holden, Catherine Hybels, Clare McFadden, Susan Ryan, Adrian Vaut, Stacey Emerson, Marcy Ryan,
<b>Support Staff:</b>	None
<b>Guests:</b>	Darren Macintyre represented Susan Ryan.
<b>VTDDC Staff:</b>	Kirsten Murphy, Chelsea Hayward

**1. Welcome**

Fred reminded members that, because the meeting is primarily by phone, votes must be done by roll call. Members introduced themselves. There was a quorum.

**2. SEEDS grant proposal**

In December, the Program Committee asked Vermont Family Network to revise and resubmit their SEEDS proposal.

<b>Motion:</b> Lisa made the motion to accept the Vermont Family Networks SEEDS grant for \$15,000. Dion seconded.
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John was concerned about duplicating a service already available through the I-Team for this region. Kirsten explained that the southern tier of Vermont is the only region where VFN does not have a presence. Last spring, Families First and the Prouty Center approached Council staff with the concern that local families were struggling to find resources, lacked training in how to participate in the special education process, and were not connected to one another for mutual support. The need to connect with the I-Team can be addressed in the grant agreement and through grant monitoring by VTDDC staff.

<b>Motion passed: 9-0-0 with all present members voting in the affirmative.</b>
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**3. Request for Proposal:**

The Program Committee recommends that a Request for Proposals (RFP) be issued to support a coordinator for the cross-disability movement in Vermont. Kay

described how this proposal would expand our collective capacity for advocacy. The RFP supports all four objectives under Goal 2 of the State Plan.

Any non-profit organization is welcomed to apply. The grant is initially six months to align with the federal fiscal year.

**Motion:** John made the motion to accept the Request-for-Proposal for the Cross-Disability Coordinator for \$30,000. Jen seconded. **Motion passed: 9-0-0, with all present members voting in the affirmative.**

#### **4. Public Comment:**

There we no guests for public comment.