

**Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes ~ November 6, 2023**  
**On-line meeting / Approved January 11, 2024**

<b>Present:</b>	Anastasia Douglas, David Frye, Michelle John, Crista Yagjian, Lindsey Owen
<b>Absent:</b>	Steve Kieselstein, Candice Price
<b>VTDDC Staff:</b>	Kirsten Murphy, Susan Aranoff

**1. Welcome and Adopt Minutes:**

The meeting began at 10:03 am.

<p><b>Motion:</b> David made the motion to approve minutes from Sept. 11, 2023. Michelle seconded. There was no discussion. <b>Motion approved: 5-0-0.</b></p>
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**2. Executive Director’s Report:**

**IHPP:** Kirsten talked about her recent trip to Puerto Rico. She and staff from the Inclusive Healthcare Partnership Project presented twice at the International Conference on Communication in Healthcare. They also collaborated with the Puerto Rico Developmental Disabilities Council, holding a focus group in Spanish with English Translation with self-advocates.

The IHPP has also recently provided a training for 50 providers from the Burlington Community Health Center. They also presented at UVM’s conference on health equity.

**Health Access Forum:** Susan has arranged for the Green Mountain Care Board to hear from people with disabilities about their access to healthcare on **November 21 from 10 am to 12 noon**. The GMCB is required by the legislature to hold public engagement sessions like this as they plan the next phase of healthcare reform.

**Leadership Reunion & Workshop:** Although the Council cannot host the full Leadership Series this year, there will be a one-day training on **December 13, 2023**, in Burlington. Robyn Freedner-McGuire will present a “hands-on” workshop about

storytelling. Enrollment is capped at 40 people with Leadership graduates having priority.

**Forensic Facility.** Susan updated the group on the Councils work opposing the inclusion of people with I/DD in this locked facility.

### **3. Planning for December Quarterly meeting**

The group agreed to host the December meeting at the North Branch Nature Center. Kirsten will provide the Executive Committee with a plan to move the rest of this year's meetings around the state.

The "All Inclusive" Committee is working on a checklist of issues related to access at meeting locations.

The agenda for the December meeting will include:

- Training in roles and responsibilities by Sheryl Matney, NACDD's national Technical Assistance Provider.
- Presentation of the 2024 Legislative Session Platform. Vote to adopt the platform.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Murphy  
Executive Director