

SRC Full Council Meeting  
April 25, 2019

Attendance: Fred Jones, Martha Frank, Linda Goodspeed, John Spinney, Rose Lucenti, Steve Pouliot, Tom Frank, Sherrie Brunelle, Harriet Hall, Pam Schirner

Adjustments to the Agenda?

Public Input?

Acceptance of February Meeting: Correct the date, correct the year 2019

Linda Goodspeed: At the meeting, Linda was on the phone.

Accepted as amended.

Updates:

**VABVI (Steve Pouliot):**

- New TVI for children services who will be starting next year, still have an opening due to increase in caseload sizes
- Eric Shaw selected to attend APH advisory committee
- Ally Fuddy, offer from AER to advise accessibility committee, recommending strategies to make sure materials are accessible
- Teachers are busy planning early camp which will be at Northern Vermont University in June (ages 6-18).
- Adult services:
  - Tech Fair: 50 clients (80 overall)
    - Successful event; Tom and Jerry ran iOS chat room session which resulted in positive feedback
  - iOS program has been going well
  - Virtual PALS group will be established once a month for those individuals who want to participate but can't travel
- Dancing with the Burlington Stars
  - September 8
  - Tickets go on sale tomorrow (2/26/19)

**\*\*\*Action Item\*\*\*Steve will send Mackenzie link to event and Mackenzie will distribute to the rest of the group**

**ABLE Library (Tom Frank, Chair of Advisory Committee)**

- Vince has been going all over the place, NYC and traveling around to state libraries, trying to expand outreach – emphasis that service is for anyone with disabilities

- VT is one of the few states with a large LP collection, continuing to increase this collection
  - Jerry: changes in the talking book machine within the next couple years, they are exploring cellular connection, so people don't have to go onto a computer to download books, continuing with all the pilots (ex. braille display).
- Library is working a lot more with schools, universities, and colleges
  - John: do you know if anyone at AOE has been involved in any of that work?
  - Tom: Vin will most likely know this
  - Martha: I bet this is underutilized, we should post information of AOE filed memo.

**\*\*\*Action Item\*\*\* Agency of Ed Weekly Field Memo - Mackenzie will send out directions in how to subscribe**

- Linda, on behalf of advisory development group, will report out next meeting regarding upcoming goals.

### **AOE (John Spinney):**

- Professional learning module series: each module has 30-40-minute lecture, recommended readings, discussion forum
- Proficiency based education requirement access plan - this is in the process of receiving feedback.
  - Martha: How will this be enrolled in schools? How will partners be notified?
  - John: there will be resources that go out with access plan, guidance memo, schools still have flexibility with how they implement
- All students are under proficiency-based graduation system, this will be 100% in place for next year
- Statewide: significant equity issues, access and equity for all kids to access personalized learning plans and proficiency-based graduation requirement. In the process of drafting a letter that will go out to superintendents to address this issue.
- Personalized Learning Plan (PLP): student driven and take place in general education (all kids), written by student with advisor (guidance counselor, special educator, etc.). The IEP is specialized supports related to the disability.
- The goal is to create a school structure where all kids can get their needs met. Any kid that has a disability has additional accommodations to access rather than a separate system.
- Process of drafting the flexible pathways equity tool for schools to access how equitable their practices are.
  - Example: For kids that access WBL, are there WBL offered at school, is this accessible for all kids to utilize (not just ones with good transportation)
  - Martha: There is a need to assess who is accessing dual-enrollment? Numbers were low for kids with disabilities.
  - John: finding that dual-enrollment is underutilized for kids on 504 and IEP
  - Martha: are students open with DBVI using dual-enrollment?

- Fred: Not currently. We have students in the summer we could help promote that idea through LEAP program.
- Sherrie: it would be great if Stephanie and other TVIs looked at training models on AOE website

**\*\*\*Action Item\*\*\* John will send Mackenzie blurb with link to these training modules for VABVI and DBVI counselors**

#### **CAP (Sherrie Brunelle):**

- Continuing to work on chapters in policies and procedures - just got approved through RSA for chapter on Case Practices
- Currently working on Case Closure chapter
- Self-Employment is a longer approach we are working on
- CAP: continuing to do outreach

**\*\*\*Action Item\*\*\* Sherrie will contact Fred about connecting with counselors regarding CAP information/training**

- We are doing lots of tabling at events - let Jane know about any upcoming events that would be beneficial to have CAP attend
- Considering doing some training regarding what services VT Legal Aid can provide - the big thing DLP can help with is getting funding for assistive technology - not getting a lot of referrals for. Please refer as necessary.

#### **Vermont Family Network (Martha Frank):**

- Conference in April with 300 people
- Keynote speaker spoke about his journey through the school system. 65-70% of youth involved in juvenile justice have a disability.
- The young people made some really great comments in the surveys.
- TJ Donovan introduced the Keynote speaker
- First Annual Youth Summit
  - Efforts of Youth Advocacy Council: 12 active young members who represent Vermont and a range of disabilities.
  - Focus topics: Employment careers, self-advocacy, bullying/harassment, transition
  - Running six workshops in the morning, and six in the afternoon.
  - Sherrie: Space/capacity limits?
  - Martha: we want this to appeal to young people interested in leadership opportunities, we do have a space issue, first come first serve, free event, registration is open.

**\*\*\*Action Item\*\*\* Mackenzie will send out information from Marth on Youth Council**

- Youth Risk Behavior Survey: not required to disclose disability on survey. Now changes in this survey, disseminated next spring, hopefully this will reflect those at risk/need for funding

### **NFB (No Representative)**

### **VCB (Jerry Doody)**

- We've had to postpone annual business meeting, another meeting schedule in July (TBD)
- Bowling event last month, sparsely attended
- Burlington: Huntington Bird Sanctuary and/or visit to ABLE library - all in the planning stages
- Newport wing of activities committee is doing very well: scheduling an event monthly

### **DOL (Rose Lucenti)**

- In the process of kicking off summer opportunities of youth and young adults, any young people looking for opportunities for jobs or career paths, get in contact with the appropriate DOL regional office.
- Rose can send contact information regarding who they should be contacting throughout the state

**\*\*\* Action Item\*\*\* Rose can send blurb about DOL summer opportunities to Mackenzie and Martha can post on Facebook page**

- Sherrie: helpful to create a resource sheet for information on where to find different information
- Tom: you can contact the library to distribute information, that is part of their mission

### **DBVI (Fred Jones)**

- SRC Meeting on 6/27:
  - Montpelier at the Capitol Plaza
  - Introduction to Vision Rehabilitation Team: SRC and other partners will be able to come and cycle through different stations
    - counselors, technology trainer and evaluator, ECs, rehab teacher, O&M instructor, possible have a LV doctor there
- Piloting study with the DOL
  - We are going to study all our students and look at DOL data and find out where these students are now. LEAP summer program started in 2007. We want to track where they are/where they are working.
  - Ex: student started in 2008 in resource program, taking apart computers, found passion, went to school, is now working at Dartmouth College
    - Sherrie: put the story on the website?
- Client story highlighting importance of our services:

- Consumer lost vision suddenly, worked 17 years at a company, saw a lot of eye doctors and lost job due to vision. She did not know about DBVI. No doctor told her about DBVI services. In total desperation, she googled vision services, made a referral, and within three hours she had phone call from counselor.

#### Elections:

- Chair: unanimous vote to re-elect Harriet Hall
- Vice Chair: unanimous vote to re-elect Tom Frank
- Member at Large: Jerry Doodey
- Member at Large: Martha Frank

#### Discussion with Youth Technology:

- Technology is required for youth transitioning to workforce
  - John: technology falls into to job coaching and job matching
  - Ex. student has WBL, special educator pulls in voc rehab, student is working with YES, the school can contract with VABIR for additional training, YES sets up accommodations, and the person can be fairly independent after this.
  - Fred: At DBVI, we have a technology trainer that assesses what technology individuals may need and then we provide training on that technology
- FYI: Windows 10 is now accessible, narrator feature, on every single machine
- Demo of Seeing AI - free app, great resource
  - Martha: how much outreach is done for nursing homes or assisted living?
  - Steve: it's a challenge getting individuals interested in services
- Be My Eyes Demo: 2 million volunteers around the world
- VoiceDream: reader, writer, mail, and scanner, cost a little bit of money for a one-time fee
- These need to be introduced as early as possible
- Fred: a lot of schools are promoting bookshare, voice dream interacts with voice dream

John: is there someone that can take the lead on making a list with all these apps and John will distribute to special educator directors

\*\*\*Martha requesting more follow-up information about outreach to the aging population\*\*\*

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm.