



Building Bright Futures Springfield Regional Council Monthly Meeting

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM, April 14th, 2016 | Location: Springfield Area Parent Child Center

Present: Lynn Boyle, Jim Tonkovich, Margaret Perry, Molly Oglesby, Vicky Senni, Stacey Sanderson, Nicole Willey, Jodi Farashahi *Presenter: Didi Harris*

News and Announcements:

- SAPCC and Stacey won the work place wellness award and got to meet Governor Shumlin. Way to go!
- BBF has hired a new Executive Director who will begin in May named Sarah Squirrell
- The council has spent \$1,048.30 out of \$2,000. Discussed setting up “mini grants” for child care providers or events to apply for the funding. Ellen will do more research into a potential application.
- The Current has a draft report out [here](#) or at <http://swcrpc.org>. Comments on it are due by 4/18. The Current is also looking for specific time and locations for stops that would be useful. The more specific the better.
- Advanced Transit is a good resource for people to look up directions on how to get around this area on public transit as well as google transit.
- There is a VELS conference in Burlington on June 20 and 21 or June 23 and 24. If you are interested in the Save the Date email Ellen.

Governing Documents

- Reviewed the governing documents from other councils to get a sense of what we want for our council.
- Discussed requirements to be a member and decided to keep it very open and flexible to encourage engagement by the largest portion.
- We discussed having an ad hoc steering committee when we felt it was necessary.
- We will have committees based on the action plan, it won't be a requirement and the number of times they would meet would be at least once a year and more frequently as needed.
- The Quorum will be whoever is present when notification of a vote has been done at least 5 days in advance.
- When voting we will strive for consensus and then do simple majority.
- A conflict of interest clause will be in the governing documents. Members must say there involvement and group decides if member needs to recuse themselves from the room.
- Ellen will work on developing the governing documents and send a copy of the proposed one out before the next council meeting where we will vote on adopting the document.

Vermont Birth to Five

- VB5 did a deep dive into their 10 projects to determine what is working, what isn't, and how to keep projects sustainable
- VB5 has a 10 year trajectory and plan on wrapping up work in 2025
- Projects that will be ending are:
 - Professional development-they feel that there has been an increase in opportunities and that they are no longer needed in that arena
 - Family Friends and Neighbors-hasn't been successful and reaching out and finding unregistered providers
 - The council thinks that this is still important and perhaps getting the information out to service agencies (economic services etc..) who may have a better knowledge of individuals providing child care.
- The mentoring projects and the STARS program have been very successful. They want to try and encourage providers to reach 3 or more STARS next.
- VB5 is looking into new projects
 - Child care business education programs
 - Business supported child care-helping businesses understand why child care and family friendly work places are so important
 - Nutrition
- Margaret mentioned how one of the root of the problems to many child care places is the lack of money to pay staff.
- If you want to share your thoughts on the Deep Dive, take the survey
www.surveymonkey.com/r/DeepDive2016

The next meeting will be held on Thursday May 12th from 9:00-10:30 at the Springfield Area Parent Child Center.