

VT Early Childhood Alliance Steering Committee meeting
December 16, 2020 12:00n via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Steering Committee:

Margaret Atkinson
Faye Mack
Barbara Petrie
Tabitha McGlynn,
Diane Nichols-Fleming
Ann Dillenbeck
Deb Gass

Sarah Kenney
Morgan Nichols
Judy Pransky
Sarah Teel
Joanna VonCulin
Nicole Whalen
Cassie Wilner (for Holly M.)

Not in Attendance: Amanda Cochrane, Ellen Drolette, Pam McCarthy, Floyd Nease, Sonja Raymond, Mary Zentara

Staff: Matt Levin, Amy Russo-Perler

Guest: Erhard Mahnke

1. Welcome, logistics, agenda review

Matt reviewed the purpose of the meeting and the limited agenda.

2. Appointment of At-Large Steering Cmte. member to the Policy/Advocacy Committee

Matt briefly reviewed the structure and purpose of the Policy/Advocacy Committee (P/AC), noting that the Executive Committee had approved Issue Working Group leaders for each item on the Legislative Agenda and that those leaders made up the P/AC. Margaret announced that she was appointing Tabitha to the At-Large position on the P/AC. Tabitha is serving on the SC representing health issues as an individual member, and was nominated by herself.

The Committee thanked Tabitha for volunteering to serve in this position.

3. Review of Summaries of 11 Proposals for the 2021 Legislative Agenda

Matt referred the Committee to the issue summaries provided for the eleven issues previously approved for the '21 Agenda. He also noted that Voices had submitted a revised proposal regarding Reach Up funding, which had been included in the meeting packet. Committee members agreed that the revised proposal provided substantially more information and satisfied any concerns there may have been about this initiative.

Ann noted that the wording of the title of the BBF proposal was perhaps unintentionally overly broad, and other Committee members agreed. Matt offered to work with Beth T. at BBF on rewording. Matt asked for any wordsmithing and/or clarifying edits on the summaries to be sent to him directly. With an understanding that minor wording adjustments would be made, the Committee then **consented** with the proposed wording for the issue summaries.

Matt then provided a summary of the next steps of the Agenda-setting process.

After thanks was offered all around, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.