



EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Teleconference

Commissioners present:

Kellie Campbell (Chair)
Marcia Merrill
Nancy Brooks

Advisors present:

Jen Horowitz, Let's Grow Kids
Charlie Gliserman, Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance

Staff present:

Hannah Lane

Presiding:

Kellie Campbell

Recording: Hannah Lane

Meeting called to order 9:00 a.m.

1. Introductions

2. Discussion of goals for this years' work

- Kellie outlined her goals for the year, including to bring more advisors into our Committee work, and to create goals that serve the Commission and Advisory organizations
VCW committees work within and outside of monthly commission meetings to address issues of importance to the mission of VCW. Committees will consider topics that fall under their general area and may, among other activities:
 - Review VCW policy positions and recommend updates and changes to the full commission
 - Provide information and research to contribute to policy briefs and other educational materials developed by staff
 - Bring new issues to the attention of staff and commissioners
 - Review emerging issues and identify information, resources, guest speakers, questions, etc. that the commission may need
 - Recommend action for the commission to take in response to information presented and discussions happening at commission meetings
 - Identify key issues and questions relating to proposed or pending legislation

- Jen of Let's Grow Kids discussed their upcoming report, Stalled at the Start, which looks at the supply and demand of childcare & early education in the state, and suggested that the Commission could support their work by:
 - Supporting bills proposing to increase funding for:
 - TEACH program, which supports childcare and early education staff by providing financial assistance to continue their education & training
 - Funding an improved IT system
 - Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP)
- Charlie of the Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance discussed their additional legislative priorities, including:
 - Childhood nutrition programs
 - Vermont's Feed Vermonters
 - Universal Free School Meals initiative
 - Increased farm to school in early childhood.
 - Health initiatives
 - Paid family and medical leave program
 - Doula coverage by Medicaid
 - Early intervention
 - Child Integrative Services funding
 - Rental housing safety
 - Access to Reach Up (both eligibility & increasing the subsidy)
 - Creating an Office of the Child Advocate

3. Discussion of standing meeting time

- Kellie asked folks to weigh in about their availability in order to set a standing meeting time; she will work with Hannah to find a time that works with most and bring it back to the group.

4. Inclusion of Advisory Council organizations

- Who are we missing? How can we better support advisory council engagement at committee meetings?

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 a.m.