



**EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 6, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Teleconference**

**Commissioners present:**

Kellie Campbell

**Commissioners abset:**

Nancy Brooks

Marcia Merrill

**Advisors present:**

Jen Horowitz of Let's Grow Kids

Charlie Gliserman of Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance

**Staff present:**

Hannah Lane

**Presiding:**

Kellie Campbell

**Recording:** Hannah Lane

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**Meeting called to order 9:56 a.m.**

**a) Brief discussion of VSCS status and next steps**

The group discussed the Vermont State Colleges proposal to close several campuses in Vermont, and what happens next as that proposal has been withdrawn but budget pressures remain. We should be viewing these proposals through a lens focused on access, intersectionality, and equity. Kellie asked the group to consider whether there is a role for VCW, and asked advisors to share how campus closures might impact their work and the people they serve.

Jen shared that many of Vermont's early educators use the Vermont State College's programs, and discussed how lack of access to education has impacts on other systems down the line. She discussed Southern Utah University's model for early educators, which is a remote, cohort-based program that combines online learning with a local onsite mentor. Scholarships offered through the TEACH program allow people to access VSC programs.

The group discussed parent education supports like flexible schedules, on-campus child care, and remote learning. How do we educate parents and create community?

Charlie discussed this [article](#) on supports for low-income students and families at Amarillo College.

**b) Discussion of childcare during COVID-19**

Building Bright Futures, Let's Grow Kids, and the VECAA websites all have resources for parents about child care and navigating COVID-19.

The group briefly discussed proposed legislation that would create a non-refundable state tax credit, up to \$500 for families who paid at least 50% (or more) of their childcare copayment while the childcare was closed due to COVID-19.

**c) Discussion of what data we would like to be sure is collected and questions to ask post-COVID**

Kellie gave a brief update about VCW's work so far, and discussed current ideas going forward. Building Bright Futures was identified as a potential partner in this work.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:31 a.m.**