

EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 2, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Teleconference

Commissioners present: Kellie Campbell, Nancy Brooks, Lisa Senecal

Commissioners absent: Lisa Carlson, Sarah Mell,

Advisors present: Katie Salina of Let's Grow Kids, Rhoni Basden of Vermont Works for Women, Sarah Teel of Voices for Vermont's Children

Staff present: Hannah Lane

Presiding: Kellie Campbell

Recording: Hannah Lane

Called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes postponed until next meeting.

Joint Meeting with VCW's Health & Safety Committee to discuss collaboration on potential VCW publications about how youth are doing in Vermont, pulling from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey & other information

Health & Safety Committee has been focused on nutrition and the bills that have been moving through the legislature.

Hannah shared some links in the chat, including a Google Doc that Kellie & Hannah created highlighting YRBS data of note, the Vermont Department of Health 2019 Executive Summary, and the Vermont School Health Profiles for 2018.

Lisa S shared that she was surprised to see that female students were more likely to self-report being overweight, and wondered about how much social factors more cause female students to over-report being overweight.

Sarah Teel confirmed that the question is asked, how do you see your body?

Nancy Brooks noted that many of the markers are that are highlighted in the executive summary are those highly funded areas for behavior change like smoking, drinking, etc. Communications programs around smoking, drug, & alcohol prevention are highly funded programs.

Sarah Teel mentioned that they haven't focused on the data for the LGBTQ students, and especially in the mental health realm.

Nancy suggested that if we wanted to go to the Health Department about asking

Actual obesity is tracked, with a BMI calculation, and indicates that 29% reported overweight & obese, and that's also available by gender.

Nancy wondered if someone from AOE could come in and give us a bigger picture of what's happening for sexuality education in schools across the state.

Sarah T shared that Up for Learning's *Getting to Y*, gets students to dig into the data and move forward with an initiative that addresses some of the issues. Their website is <https://www.upforlearning.org/initiatives/getting-to-y/>. Has VCW worked with them at all?

Next steps:

- Having a conversation with folks from the Department of Health about how they are approaching the next survey. Sarah Teel suggested we might reach out to Kristen Murray, coordinator of YRBS. We could ask to be included in calls for questions. Lilly will make contact with her. Find out what the new questions might be.
- Putting something out to amplify the LGBTQ data during Pride month
- Nancy would like us to also be thinking about amplifying the data for girls
- Nancy will pull together some data and will start to outline the points for an op-ed and will share out a draft with the group.
- Set up another joint Committee meeting.
- Review VCW's policy on comprehensive sexuality education.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.