



**Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council (BBF SAC)
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2025 (via Zoom)**

SAC Members Present: Flor Diaz Smith, Janet McLaughlin, Laurel Omland, Meg Porcella, Xuxana Davis, Lindsay Barron, Martine Gulick, Sharron Harrington (late) Erica McLaughlin, Becca Webb, Carol Lang-Godin, Debra Hartswick, Eddie Gale, Amber Hewston, Monica Hutt, Rep Rey Garofano, Dimitri Garder, Ilisa Stalberg

Absent: Renee Kelly, Jessica Vintinner, Carlie Thibault,, Christy Swenson, Libby Daghlain, Danielle Mitchell, Kiona Heath

Community Partners/Guests: Ted Fisher, Jaclyn Holden, Justin Davis, Katie Whitney, Hope SmithTessa Dearborn, Matt Levin, Hope Smith, Ellen Amstutz, Kim Rowntree, Wendy Scott, Margaret Urban, Helen Mattheis, Lee Lauber, Linda Peebles, Beverly Boget, Jocelyn Emilio, Helen Matteis, Sarah Kenney, Breena Holmes, Abby Vorenberg, Tabitha McGlynn, Heidi Wilhelm

Staff present: Morgan Crossman, Beth Truzansky, Anna Broulliette, Dora Levinson, Ali Dieng, Courtney Hillhouse, Kelly Hayes, Michelle Kersey, Martha Braithwaite, Darla Senecal, Valerie Wood, Linda Michniewicz, Kate Bailey, Katie Mobbs, Titi Aluko, Nate Millarhouse

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Act 119 & Act 76: Re-envisioning the Agency of Human Services(AHS) & Department of Children and Families (DCF) early childhood services

Jaclyn Holden and Ted Fisher from AHS held small group discussions to gather feedback for two related reports due to the legislature in November of this year.

- [Act 119, passed in 2024](#), requires AHS to “create a meaningful process through which the Agency, its departments, and the individuals and organizations with whom they engage most can collaborate to identify opportunities to build on past successes and to make improvements for the future.”
- [Act 76, passed in 2023](#), requires AHS to “submit an implementation plan...regarding the reorganization of the Department for Children and Families to increase responsiveness to Vermonters and elevate the status of child care and early education within the Agency of Human Services,” consistent with the goals of the [Early Childhood Education Systems Analysis report of 2022](#) and in alignment with a similar report from the Agency of Education.

3. General Business

a. May 2025 SAC Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the May 27, 2025, minutes was made by Janet McLaughlin, with a second by Carol Lang Godin. None opposed. No abstentions. All members voted in favor of approving May 27, 2025 minutes.

b. SAC Membership

The Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council nominating committee moves to nominate Laura Young to the Advisory Council filling the family representative seat ending February 28, 2027.

Motion to approve by Eddie Gale, a second by Representative Rey Garofano. None opposed. No abstentions. All members voted in favor of approving.

c. FY26 Budget

Motion to approve the Building Bright Futures FY26 Budget was made by Becca Webb, a second by Dimitri Garder. None opposed. No abstentions. All members voted in favor of approving the FY26 organizational budget.

a. Any discussion-none; below were comments/questions

- i. Eddie- conscious of difficult decisions, highly accelerated grant making process in 6 months, timeline is significantly shortened how will capacity be affected?
- ii. Flor- this was a thoughtful process and I am appreciative of all the work put into making sure BBF is sustainable
- iii. Dimitri- appreciates the 3 year comparison for clarity

4. Building Bright Futures worked with Dinse Law Group to update the organization Bylaws.
Information including the updates and edit summary was circulated to all members on June 2, 2025 with a request for an electronic vote.

Voting language: The Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council votes to approve the changes to the organization's bylaws with requested language updates.

17 members replied voting in favor of approving the changes to the Bylaws.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Next Meeting- Monday July 28th, 1:30-3pm | via Zoom