

State of Vermont Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind Advisory Council School Age Subcommittee

April 04, 2023, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Meeting Summary

Present: Co-chairs Sherry Sousa and Sharon Henry; Cassie Santo; Tracy Hinck; Jen Bostwick; Rebecca LaLanne, Amelia Briggs; Laura Siegel; Linda Hazard (guest)

Absent: no one

AGFNDA

Planning for VSA/VCSEA meeting (May 19, 2023,10:45 – 11:45 am; now changed to 9:30 am pending committee availability)

The group reviewed a draft of the ppt for the presentation and began practicing the mock IEP.

Action Steps:

- Sharon will request one microphone for the mock IEP group
- Tracy was assigned two roles in the mock IEP (SLP and audiologist). Given how important it is to model having qualified providers in each of these separate roles, Tracy will reach out to a colleague who is a audiologist.

Collaboration with 2 school districts to beta test the tool

Linda has started using the Vermont Quality Indicator Tool with one student at Harwood Union District and will be adding other students from this district as well as at Mount Abe.

July Education Session for providers/professionals

Friday, July 14, 12:30 – 3:30, Capitol Plaza, Montpelier, VT both in person and zoom options. The DHHDB School Age Subcommittee will present an educational session to professionals/providers to further the awareness/use of the Vermont Quality Indicator Tool. Michelle John from the VT NASDSE Coalition has been invited to participate as well. Linda will explore the option of having Dr. Cheryl DeConde Johnson attend (via zoom) to present on the NASDSE Guidelines)

Sharon is meeting with Michelle John in her role as President of VT Hands & Voices to discuss options for a parallel education session for parents.



Planning Next Steps

Thursday, April 27, 2:30 – 3:30 – We will practice the mock IEP from start to finish

Monday, July 10, 9-10:30am – We will meet to discuss any revisions to the VT Quality Indicator Tool based on collated feedback received from the AOE.

Note: these summaries along with the closed captioning meeting transcript are posted to: <u>Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind Council | Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living</u> <u>(vermont.gov)</u>. (https://dail.vermont.gov/resources/boards/deaf-hard-hearing-deafblind-council)