



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

March 17, 2023, 8:30 – 9:30 am

Meeting Summary

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

Absent: Cassie Santo

AGENDA

Welcome & update

Sharon announced that our proposal has been officially accepted to the VSA/VCSEA conference at the Burlington Hilton; our presentation is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 10:45 am – 11:45 am.

For information about the conference see:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K_CWqa6dCe0zD75zZjWo4EhOnAn8VbWjYOk068y21Y/edit#heading=h.uwtpzkmp9874

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Presentation preparation (50 mins)- All

The committee decided to utilize the format of a mock IEP in order to demonstrate how easily the VT Quality Indicator Tool can be used to guide/facilitate the discussion and ensure high quality services. The tool can easily be used for a 504, EST and for Technical Assistance/Consultation as well.

We then discussed the draft of the mock IEP that Tracy and Jen shared; roles were assigned to assume during the mock IEP meeting. Important points will be made during the IEP such as questions by the parent regarding qualified providers, etc. Sharon will facilitate as needed and engage the audience to reflect on what they are observing during the IEP.



Beta Test of VT Quality Indicator Tool

Linda reported that she is working with Harwood Union and Mount Anthony school districts to beta test the tool with 1-2 students in each district.

Planning Next Steps (2 min) –All

Sharon will request interpreters and captioner for our presentation along with room set up, 2 screens, chair arrangement.

Committee members will add content to the mock IEP based on their assigned role in order to add more detail and content.

Sharon will collate all of the feedback that has been received from the AOE regarding the VT Quality Indicator Tool and email to the subcommittee by 4/1

Sharon will send out 2 doodle polls:

- 1) for a late April/early May meeting – an additional planning meeting;
- 2) for a July meeting to review feedback that has been received about the tool from AOE stakeholder engagement.

Sharon and Linda are meeting 3/23 to discuss/plan a July educational session about the tool.

Next meeting – All

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

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