



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

May 09, 2022, 1:00 pm - 2:20 pm

Meeting Summary

Present: Co-chairs Sherry Sousa and Sharon Henry; Tracy Hinck; Jen Bostwick (*joined at 1:25 pm*); Laura Siegel; Rebecca LaLanne; Jacqui Kelleher (*left at 2 pm*);

Absent: Amelia Briggs;

Invited Stakeholder: Stuart Soboleski, Deaf Adult, DVAS

Agenda

- **Welcome & Intro** of invited stakeholder Stuart Soboleski
- **Meeting summary of 05/04/2022** was accepted.

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://www.vermont.gov/deaf-hard-of-hearing-deaf-blind-council-disabilities-aging-independent-living).

- **Discussion of Working Draft of Quality Standards** based on NASDSE Guidelines (including feedback from/discussion with Stuart Soboleski)

All Committee members and Stuart discussed and edited Quality Indicators #5- #8. We will edit #9, #10 on 5/17/22. In the meantime:

- Sherry will begin to re-format the document to make it user-friendly
- Jen will collate ASL proficiency tests for the Appendix
- Tracy will collate the Am Audiology Associations guidelines for equipment use/routine monitoring plans, etc

Jacqui noted that tools used for evaluation of special education/related service providers are allowable costs under IDEA. Just something that could be mentioned in the Appendices or as a footnote. We might revise the Quality Indicator document based on this new information.

- **Decide/discuss how do we disperse the other work that needs to go into the document**

Sharon laid out the timeline and remaining tasks that are outstanding, including:

- 1) Appendices – collation of evaluation tools used by providers that are evidenced based.
- 2) Qualifications of reviewers for review of data submitted based on use of tool
- 3) Scoring rubric for quality of data submitted by DHHDB providers

She explained that these documents are important to include in the final written report (target date – end of June) so we need to start now. She will ask for volunteers for each of these tasks at the 5/17 meeting.

- **Update: Additional assessment tools/resources**

- State of Virginia documents: Laura shared documents that provided guidance on assessment of individual students rather than assessment at the program level. The group did not have a chance to discuss if this would be helpful to include in the appendices.
- Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind; Jen and Sharon met with Rick Huan (Washington Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth (CDHY), Washington School for the Deaf) on 5/9/22. Rick shared that both Colorado and NH actually did a gap analysis rather than a program assessment.

The meeting unfortunately ended abruptly when Laura logged off even though she had made Sharon the co-host, so Jen did not get to finish her report. In addition, the following addenda items were not covered and will be addressed at the 05/17 meeting.

- **Other dates for stakeholders:**

- Jacqui agreed to:

- ✓ confirm with her contacts with date/time of their attendance. She will download the most recent draft of the Quality Indicators 3-4 days before the particular meeting that the stakeholders will attend so they have time to review.
- ✓ download the working document and email the document to any contacts who can't attend in person and ask for written feedback by **5/15**. If helpful, she will provide to them the context for the document, by sharing the meetings from 4/4/2022 (also posted publicly on the DAIL website).
- ✓ Contacts include:

- LEA Special Education Administrators – Dawn Campbell and Lisa Johnson from SVSU
- LEA Special Education Teacher/Case Manager – Cassie Santos
- LEA Special Education Paraprofessional – Dan Comeau

- **Update from Meeting between DHHDB Council Chair and AOE – scheduled for 05/09/2022, 4 pm** (Spenser Wepler (Chair, DHHDB Council), Chris Case, Division Director for Student Support Services at the Agency of Education (AOE), Jacqui Kelleher, Sherry Sousa, Sharon Henry)
- **Reflection on group process**

Meeting dates for May/June:

- Tues May 17, 12-1:30
- Wed, May 25, 10-11:30
- Wed, June 1, 12-1:30
- Tues, June 7, 12-1:30