

BBF Professional Preparation and Development Committee
Meeting Notes September 19th, 2023

Meeting Attendees:

- Becky Millard, Benj Rackliffe, Beth Truzansky, John Cipora, Bill Bonsignore, Kelly Hayes, Sonja Bracey, Joanne Rouleau, Amelia Struthers, Rebecca Bishop Ware, Didi Harris, Staci Otis, Adri Taylor-Behrman, Cynthia Greene, Paula Nadeau, Joanna Houston, Tricia Pawlik, Lynne Robbins, Erin Roche, Sarah Tousignant, Nicole Sener, Elise Doner

Meeting Summary:

Introductions

Unified Core Knowledge Areas (Becky)

- NAEYC standards have been updated and National Afterschool has released new standards
- Vermont has already aligned its core knowledge areas with national standards
- There are three types of standards: Program standards, professional standards, learning standards
- Unifying knowledge areas across programs will create less confusion, make IPDP and other paperwork more straightforward for people in the field, and streamline data entry into BFIS
- Q: Have other states done this? A: Not aware of any

Exploring the BBF Policy Recommendations related to professional development (Beth, Becky)

- Formal policy recommendations are compiled annually based on conversations in state organizations and committees
- This year's recommendations have not been finalized by the state advisory council yet
- In the summer recommendations are pulled together into a document, and policy recommendations have been drafted over the last few months
- Topic for future discussion: the separation of child development vs. social-emotional learning strategies
- Seed and Sew excels at marketing and engagement; they could be beneficial to tap as a resource

Hot Topics and Updates (Communities of Practice, MATCH Review Committee, Peer Network Survey)

- Approved communities of practice have been recognized as counting toward licensing training hours; tentative rollout date of January 2024
- Q: does this include mentoring/coaching? A: Not currently, but it could be included down the road
- MATCH registry: inviting people within the next 4-6 months with experience in relationship-based professional development to participate in review committee
- Peer Network Survey: Comprehensive survey for the field closed yesterday, next phase to be launched soon
- Most of SPARQs staff has been hired (12 new staff), still hiring for 3 assessors and 2 other positions, details available on their website
- Final phase is coaching and mentoring, follow link below

Partner Updates

- Lynne: 2/3 of programs in the state have applied for funds relating to Act 76
- Hiring is underway for new STARS coordinator
- Tricia: Vermont Afterschool has hired new youth resilience coordinator
- Afterschool essentials is full, and is starting in several weeks
- VAI's CCV class is underway
- Preschool development grant is still in motion
- Introducing NL's new Resource Advisor, Elise Doner

Future Agenda Items:

Program director credential with Amelia
SPARQS

Resource Links:

<https://vtfeed.org/farm-school-planning-toolkit>

<https://buildingbrightfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/Building-Bright-Futures-2024-Policy-Recs-DRAFT-9.8.23.pdf>

https://jamboard.google.com/d/1O6EG_LnjSnOqd4A5gaYBdRgnJ_cD6Pk6r_G18fKy6PM/edit?usp=sharing

<https://secure.everyaction.com/m50l0RdFLkWJFeeDMr9ZpQ2>

Next Meeting: October 17th 2023

<https://northernlightsccv.org/resources/vermonts-ecpd-system/ppd/>