

Community Advisory Council Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 12:00 to 3:00pm

Online Zoom Meeting

12:00 Welcome

CAC Member	Present	Not Present	Self-Advocate or Family Member
Karen Price (Co-chair)	X		Family

CDCI Personnel: Winnie Looby, Rachel Cronin, Jesse Suter

Meeting Roles:

- < Facilitator: David & Karen
- < Recorder: CDCI Staff
- < Timekeeper: June
- < Jargon buster: Meagan & Ed
- < Keeper of the rudder: Kirsten
- < Equalizer: Mary Alice
- < Processor: Nicole

Vote on draft minutes:

- < Ed made a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting.
- < **VOTE to approve meeting minutes was unanimously approved.**

12:30 Working Together



- < Members recommended we discuss meeting expectations.
- < Review group agreements from VT Developmental Disabilities Council.

Discussion:

- Jesse read through group agreements from VTDDC
- Concern was raised that people should not have to participate.
Discussed goal is for everyone to have a chance to talk.
- Discussion about whether members should raise their hands or not.
Some members thought it was a good idea. Other members thought we should not raise hands and just talk.
- Consensus was to try to follow the group agreement for rest of meetings this year.

12:50 Hellos and Goodbyes



- ◁ Françoise Kahindo has asked to leave the CAC. She wants to rejoin next year if she can.
- ◁ Jeanne Nauheimer has a new job at UVM. We need to hire a new Dissemination Coordinator.
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Services coordinator.

Discussion:

- ◁ Jesse shared that Françoise would like to rejoin at a later date, maybe next year, when she has more time to serve the committee.
- ◁ Jesse also shared that we are happy to welcome Adrienne Miao, Occupational Therapist, and Lea Pettis, Family Resource Consultant, to CDCI
- ◁ We also congratulated Ed on his retirement and said goodbye to him on the CAC. The new director of Disability Rights Vermont will choose who will join CAC for their organization.

1:00 New Course



- ◁ Members wanted more time to discuss the new course:
Health and Wellness: Collaborating with People with Disabilities.
- ◁ Winnie Looby will give updates and lead discussion.

Discussion:

- ◁ Council agreed to move this agenda item to 1:00.
- ◁ Winnie shared that this course had to be cancelled this semester. Not enough people enrolled. 15 were needed and only 5 enrolled.

- ◁ Because the course was cancelled, Winnie wants to offer the information in a new way. Examples are online webinar, workshop, or online modules.
- ◁ Asked if students taking the course would have support before and after classes. Emphasized this is important for people with and without disabilities.
- ◁ Council offered feedback:

Michael offered to meet with Winnie outside of the meeting to provide more feedback. Nicole and Randy also offered to meet regarding peer advocacy.

- < Winnie shared that she is helping create a new doctoral program in our college. Disability Studies will be part of this.
- < Students in doctoral programs need to do research. Winnie wants these students to help community organizations.
- < One idea is a new course in Action Research. This is when researchers work with community partners to answer important questions. She asked if the council had suggestions for people to partner with:

VTDDC would like a research intern.

Washington County Mental Health was recommended.

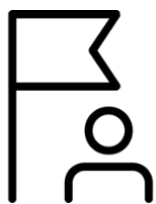
June said she would like to partner and learn more about this.

Nicole suggested doctoral students partner with self-advocates to do research together. Especially Think College students.

Winnie clarified that this work is just beginning and it could take up to a year or more to see results.

1:30 Break

1:45 Annual Priorities Updates



- < Feedback from CAC and people at CDCI created priorities.
- < Part of new Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Action Plan.
- < Summary of updates shared before meeting.
- < Ask questions and make recommendations about progress.

Discussion:

- < Jesse summarized the annual priorities document that was shared with the CAC before the meeting
- < There are three priorities related to teaching at CDCI and UVM
Karen asked if budget cuts at UVM would have any impact on the teaching priorities and Jesse clarified that there are no direct impacts to CDCI from these cuts.

Budget constraints because of the pandemic add a level of scrutiny to our work

< Time was running out on this agenda item so Jesse suggested the committee review the document and provide any feedback or ask question to him directly over email

< Jesse asked for specific feedback for our training survey.

CDCI added questions to our survey that ask participants in trainings about their demographics so we could have a better idea of the groups of people we serve in the state.

CDCI also added questions to the survey that asks participants if we did a good job of teaching participants about diversity, equity, and inclusion and if the training was accessible.

Jesse shared that some CDCI employees shared concerns about these questions making the surveys less anonymous and that he has taken steps to make sure it stays anonymous.

Mary Alice suggested you could keep the demographic information in a separate survey so that feedback and

responses

so it can be more anonymous.

- Jesse shared that these steps have been taken.

Liliane shared that we should notify participants that we are

analyzing the data (Liliane shared that we are analyzing the data)

David Frye (Co-chair)	Yes
June Bascom	Yes
Mary Alice Favro	Yes
Françoise Kahindo	Not present
Kristofor Medina	Not present
Kirsten Murphy	Yes

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