

**Shelburne Social Services Committee
Wednesday, November 28, 2018
Shelburne Town Center
Meeting Room 2
Minutes**

Call to order: 6:55pm

Georgene Grover, Debra Niemasz, Barb Marden, Kristine Guerrero, Kristin Prior, Sue Furry-Irish (Pat Fontaine - absent)

Consider approval of agenda - approved

Citizen Participation: None

Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2018 – deferred to end of meeting.

New Business:

A. **Discussion of Child Care issues in Shelburne and neighboring communities.** Guests: Jessica Brumsted (VT State Rep), Cynthia Green (Teach VT), Didi Harris (PF, VB-5, LGK)

Jessica Brumstead:

Accessible/Affordable/Quality childcare needed
100 spots at Y for UVMMC employees (awaiting opening), 200 spots held for employees, families pay for childcare while waiting for birth if their spot opens

Didi Harris:

VT Birth-5, focus on healthy start for every child in VT Permanent Fund Public/private Pre-K programs, Let's grow kids (Unified brand this week) VT Community Foundation Act 166 Universal Pre-K – 10 hours /week 3-5 year olds free public/private care
Goal: affordable/quality CC for all kids B-5 by 2025
Make way for kids grant making – new programs/start ups (Ascension – Shelburne)
Shelburne – 4 registered child care homes Trish, Elsa, Patrice, Terri / 7 Licensed school and center based
Kids receiving subsidies often don't cover the cost of childcare – the SSC could help fill the gap

Cynthia Green:

Lamoille – Dulce program (model program)
VT Association for the education of young children (VTAEYC) (NAEYC)
Project Teach (Teacher education and compensation helps) 1990
Professionalizing field of early childhood (CCV)
Child Development Division
Teach Scholarship pays tuition/books/stipend/ counseling and wrap around services/academic advisor and financial advisor
End of year need to pass 9-15 credit exam – bonus/raise from employer for compensation
3 hours/week paid release time to study and employer gets reimbursed (\$8/hour)
9 credits/year (\$1100/year to child care providers to attend)
Scholarship for Shelburne providers/teachers/centers – SSC could help fill the gap

- B. **Kristina Sylvester:** potential class sponsorships
(nutrition/cooking/budgeting/transportation, etc.)
- C. **Funding Request:** Vermont Adult Learning, \$500.00 - approved
- D. **Funding Request:** Howard Center \$2,500 – deferred to next meeting
- E. Treasurer's Report: Deb Niemasz

Old business: None

Decision: Cancel December meeting

Next Meeting: January 23, 2019

Adjourn: 8:30pm