

# Minutes

## VSAC Programs & Services Committee Meeting

September 14, 2015  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Board Room, VSAC Offices  
10 East Allen Street  
Winooski, VT

**Committee Members Present:** Martha Heath (Chair), Dennis O'Brien, Katharine Hutchinson, Pam Chisholm, and Dave Larsen  
**Committee Members Absent:** NA  
**Other Members Present:** Dodie Mitchell and Sarah Buxton  
**VSAC Staff Present:** Scott Giles, Marilyn Cargill, Patrick Leduc and Kristi Rocheleau  
**Others:** NA

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Martha Heath called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m., and a quorum was declared present. The Committee reviewed the agenda and proceeded to take up the first item of business.

### Approval of Minutes

*Upon a motion made by Pam Chisholm and seconded by Dennis O'Brien, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Programs & Services Committee record of May 11, 2015, as presented.*

### Federal Update & Vermont Update

Scott Giles reported on the Federal and State environment and fielded Committee questions.

- Peter Welch Round Table
- Institutional Risk Sharing
- FAFSA Initiatives & Reach Higher
- Delegation Support for Lyndon SSG
- Portability
- Pre K-16 – Performance Funding
- Lumina
- Legislative Communication
- Universal Child Savings Account

**Direct Loan Servicing**

Marilyn Cargill presented the latest 4<sup>th</sup> quarter survey results for Direct Loan Servicing and shared the estimated allocation numbers for FY16. The Committee discussed the results and asked the Executive Committee to include this as a topic for the full Board to discuss.

**Grant Policy – ongoing annual review**

Marilyn summarized the progress to schedule the Committee’s review of the forty-one grant policies over a three year period. The Committee provided guidance for how they would like to proceed. Marilyn expressed she will continue to work with Tom, Martha, and staff to refine the process. The next agenda will include three policies for the Committee to review.

**Operations Update**

Marilyn, Patrick, and Scott fielded Committee Member questions related to the standing reports.

**Other Business & Adjourn**

There being no other business, the Committee adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marilyn Cargill, Assistant Secretary