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STATE OF VERMONT

Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR)

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

MINUTES

March 28, 2024

The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules met on Thursday, March 28, 2024, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in room 267 of the Pavilion Office Building in Montpelier, Vermont.

The following members were present:

Sen. Mark A. MacDonald, Vice Chair
Sen. Christopher Bray
Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons
Sen. David Weeks

Rep. Trevor Squirrel, Chair
Rep. Seth Bongartz
Rep. Mark Higley
Rep. Carol Ode

Staff present:

Donna Russo-Savage
Lindsey Schreier

Committee Counsel
Administrative Assistant

Approval of prior minutes

On motion of Rep. Ode, the Committee approved the minutes.

Review of rules

The Committee reviewed the following rules:

23-P47 – Department of Health/Rules Governing Medications for Opioid Use Disorder.

Brendan Atwood, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of Health explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee.

This rule establishes requirements for providers treating patients with opioid use disorder (OUD).

On motion of Sen. Lyons, the Committee approved the rule with the amendments contained in the updated annotated draft submitted by the Vermont Department of Health and listed in its memorandum dated March 6, 2024.

23-P45 – Department for Children and Families/Seasonal Fuel Assistance Rules.

Richard Giddings, Director of Heating and Utility Assistance Program, Department for Children and Families explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee.

This rule addresses seasonal fuel assistance and removes sections relating to crisis fuel assistance.

On motion of Sen. MacDonald, the Committee approve the rule as submitted.

23-P46 – Department for Children and Families/Crisis Fuel Assistance Rules.

Richard Giddings, Director of Heating and Utility Assistance Program, Department for Children and Families explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee. Philip Back, Policy Advisor, Department for Children and Families also answered questions from the Committee.

This rule addresses crisis fuel assistance and removes sections relating to seasonal fuel assistance.

On motion of Sen. Bray, the Committee approved the rule as submitted.

Committee Discussion: Review Committee of Jurisdiction Memo regarding 23-P17/Vermont Use of Public Waters Rule.

On motion of Sen. Bray, the Committee voted 6-2 to approve sending the memo to the committees of jurisdiction.

Adjournment and next meeting

The Committee adjourned at 8:22 a.m.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for April 11, 2024, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in room 267 of the Pavilion Office Building in Montpelier, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Russo-Savage
Committee Counsel

cc: APA Clerk, Secretary of State
ICAR, Agency of Administration