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**House Committee on Human Services**

**AGENDA**

**Room 46**

**February 11, 2014 - February 14, 2014**

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**Tuesday, February 11, 2014**

10:00 AM **FLOOR**

15 minutes after floor adjourns **FY 2015 Budget**

*Department of Health*

*Department of Vermont Health Access*

Dr. Harry Chen, Commissioner, Department of Health

Mark Larson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Barbara Cimaglio, Deputy Commissioner, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, Dept. of Health

Carrie Hathaway, Financial Director, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Tracy Dolan, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Health

12:00 PM **Lunch & Caucuses**

2:30 PM **FY 2015 Budget**

*Committee Discussion*

3:30 PM

**H. 581 - An act relating to guardianship of minors**

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

Hon. Amy Davenport, Administrative Judge, Judiciary

Sandy Yandow, Kinship advocate, KIN-KAN

Charlene McManis, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

5:00 PM

**Adjourn****Wednesday, February 12, 2014**

9:00 AM

**H. 69 - An act relating to licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors as participating providers in Medicaid**

Jennifer Carbee, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

Jackie Corbally, Treatment Chief, ADAP, Department of Health

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Alexandra Forbes, Legislative Chair, Vermont Psychological Association

Ashley Berliner, Policy and Planning Chief, Department for Vermont Health Access

10:30 AM

**Break**

10:45 AM

**H. 217 - An act relating to smoking in partially enclosed structures, lodging establishments, and state lands**

Jennifer Carbee, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

David Englander, Senior Policy and Legal Advisor, Department of Health

Kate Duffy, Commissioner, Department of Human Resources

Ed Brown, Legislative Liaison, American Legion

Ron Tallman, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Dick Farmer, National Executive Committeeman, American Legion

Nick Nichols, Policy Director, Department of Mental Health

Heidi Tringe, Maclean, Meehan & Rice, Inc., Reynolds America International Services, Inc.

Dr. Harry Chen, Commissioner, Department of Health

12:00 PM            **Lunch**

1:00 PM            **FLOOR**

15 min. after floor adjourns    **H. 581 - An act relating to guardianship of minors**

*Mark Up*

Cindy Walcott, Deputy Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

Lynn Granger, Executive Director, Vermont Kin as Parents

Trine Bech, Executive Director, Vermont Parent Representation Center

4:45 PM            **Adjourn**

**Thursday, February 13, 2014**

9:00 AM            **Office of Economic Opportunity**

Paul Dragon, Chief Administrator, Office of Economic Opportunity

Sarah Phillips, Community Services Administrator, Office of Economic Opportunity

Geoff Wilcox, Weatherization Program Director, Office of Economic Opportunity

10:30 AM           **Break**

10:45 AM           **Reach-Up Reports**

*Reach Up Annual Report*

*Families' Receipt of TANF Assistance in Excess of 60 Months*

*Evaluation of Reach Up Time Limits – Preparedness and Anticipated Impact*

Richard Giddings, Deputy Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Karina Ware, Reach-Up Program Director, Department for Children and Families

Karolyn White, Process and Performance Director, Economic Services Division, Department for Children and Families

12:00 PM            **Lunch**

1:00 PM            **FLOOR**

4:30 PM            **Adjourn**

**Friday, February 14, 2014**

10:00 AM            **FLOOR**

15 min. after floor adjourns    **H. 790 - An act relating to Reach Up eligibility**

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council  
Christopher Curtis, Attorney, Legal Aid

12:00 PM            **Lunch**

1:00 PM            **H. 790 - An act relating to Reach Up eligibility**

Lila Shapero, J.D., Voices for Vermont Children  
Karolyn White, Process and Performance Director, Economic  
Services Division, Department for Children and Families

1:30 PM            **H. 790 - An act relating to Reach Up eligibility**

Dan Lesser, Shriver Center on Law and Poverty via Phone  
Lucy Mullaney, Senior Policy Associate, Heartland Alliance via  
Phone

3:00 PM            **Adjourn**

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