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AGENDA

June 3, 2014

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11:00 AM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

Chester Town Hall

556 Elm Street

Chester, VT

Carol Perry, Vernon

Marie -, Westminster

Rebecca Kenyon, Putney

Sue Willis, Chester

Cathy Paul, Springfield

Bob Parker, Chester

Chuck Gregory, Springfield

Brenda LaCroix

Brenda Made

2:30 PM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

Park House Activity Room

340 Rec Park Road

Manchester, VT

Darryl Davis, Sunderland

Ann Pierce, Manchester

Kim Ella

Joshua Rome, Tinmouth

Kris O'Leary, Bennington

Linda Dean-Farrarr, Sunrise
Amelia Silver, Sunrise
Rep. Mary A. Morrissey
Jody Dickerson, Rutland
Sarah Merrill

6:00 PM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

Rutland High School Theater

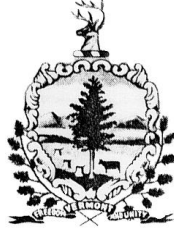
22 Stratton Rd

Rutland, VT

Ben Lynch, Rutland City
Caprice Hover, Director, Rutland Parent Child Center
Linda McIntire, Rutland
Stephanie Mozzer, North Clarendon
Louise Forgues, Cornwall
Keith Newman, Rutland
Craig Miller, Chester
Alex Grimes, Rutland
Marjorie Bluth, Grand Isle
Kirk Israel, Brandon
Carrie Wolcott, Rutland
Thomas West, Rutland
Ann Ingram
Mike Bezio
Kim Moyer
Sarah Seward

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Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

St. Albans Town Hall

579 Lake Road

St. Albans, VT

Marie Gordon, Grandparent

Roberta Garey, Swanton

Marti Zelle, Fairpoint

Bridget Butler, St. Albans

Brenda Ploof, Alburgh

Katharine Raiche, Sheldon

Karen Maple, Bakersfield

Susan Edwards, South Hero

Rose Johnson, Swanton

Laura Omari, St. Albans

Laurie Ward, Grand Isle

Ronald Geraw, Grand Isle

Sarah Lefebvre, Franklin

2:00 PM

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O'Brien Community Center

32 Malletts Bay Avenue

Winooski, VT

Joan Haslett, Essex
Beth Holden, HowardCenter
Ann Dillenbeck, Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and
Grand Isle Counties
Michele Boulet, Winooski
Betty Halpin, Essex Junction
Tom Halpin, Essex Junction
Patsy Deasy, Bakersfield
Trine Bech, Executive Director, Vermont Parent Representation
Center
Sarah Gallagher, Calais
Gale Burford, South Burlington
Kimberly Clark, Burlington
Ethan Bacon, Milton
Beth Truzanski, Burlington
Larry Walters, Burlington
Kim Coe, Essex
Mark Redmond, Essex
Cyrus Patton
Lance Labier, Winooski
Jean Saysani, Winooski

5:30 PM

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*Isley Public Library- Jessica Swift Community Meeting Room
75 Main Street
Middlebury, VT*

Willow Wheelock, Bristol
Cheryl Huntley, Director of Children's Services, Counseling
Service of Addison County
Doumia Noonan, CIS Childcare Coordinator
Louise Forgues, Cornwall
Gerry Guillemette, Shelburne
Jane Smith, Middlebury
Moe Cook, Shoreham
Jeff Cobden, Weybridge

Bill Sullivan, Starksboro

Steve Coulman, Waltham

Kara Zimmerman

Donna Bailey, Co-Director, Addison County Parent Child Center

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June 10, 2014

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11:00 AM

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St. Johnsbury Academy- Morse Theater

1000 Main Street

St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

Nicholas Ecker-Racz, Glover

Wanda Lawrence, Derby

Paul Dusseault, St. Johnsbury

Jasmine Leblanc, Barton

Heidi Ecker-Racz, Glover

Sharon Renault, Barre

Kathryn Piper, J.D., M.Ed., PhD Candidate in Social Policy

Jenna O'Farrell, St. Johnsbury

Rhonda Coates, South Ryegate

Pam Smart, St. Johnsbury

Renee Kelly, Sutton

Emily Hazard, Burke

Cheryl Broome, Lyndonville

Cassandra Suliveres, St. Johnsbury

Brian Carroll, Caledonia North Supervisory Union

2:30 PM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

Town Hall- Meeting Room

43 Portland St

Morrisville, VT

Angel Mason, Calais
 Lyn-Laeh Ehrenberg, Hyde Park
 Darlene Marrier, Montgomery
 Robin Martin, Cambridge
 Paul Daniel, Franklin County
 David Whitcomb, Eden
 Scott Johnson, Waterville
 Jane Gandy, Morrisville
 Ilene Levitt, Wolcott
 Noah Noyes, Hyde Park
 Brian Schaffer, Morristown

4:45 PM

Committee Discussion

Room 10 of the State House

Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
 Council

6:00 PM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

State House

Room 11

115 State Street

Montpelier, VT 05633

Eyal Barsky, South Burlington
 Patty Whitney, Rutland
 Lee Lauber, Montpelier
 Nancy Benoit, Barre
 Jane Ladue, Hinesburg
 Eric Audette, Essex Junction
 Shelia Reed, Voices for Vermont's Children
 Kelly Davis-Vanzile, Georgia
 Lyn-Laeh Ehrenberg, Hyde Park
 Michele Pitzner, Montpelier
 Kathy O'Brien, Montpelier
 Gwen Shelton

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Room 11

July 23, 2014

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10:00 AM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

Department for Children and Families

David Yacovone, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Karen Shea, Child Protection & Field Operations Director, Department for Children and Families

11:15 AM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

DCF Rutland District Office

David Yacovone, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Lynne Klamm, Interim District Director, Department for Children and Families-Rutland

12:15 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

Vermont State Police

DS & PG – DCF Investigation Report

Colonel Tom L'Esperance, Director, State Police

Det. Lt. James Cruise

2:30 PM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

Police and Department Chiefs

Steve McQueen, Chief of Police, Winooski Police Department

James Baker, Chief of Police, Rutland City Police Department

Michael E. Schirling, Chief of Police, Burlington Police
Department

Kenneth Schatz, General Counsel, Agency of Human Services

3:30 PM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

State's Attorneys

Marc Brierre, State's Attorney, Rutland County

T.J. Donovan, Vermont State's Attorney, Chittenden County State's
Attorneys

Jim Hughes, Vermont State's Attorney, Franklin County State's
Attorney

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July 29, 2014

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- 10:00 AM **Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect**
William Sorrell, Vermont Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

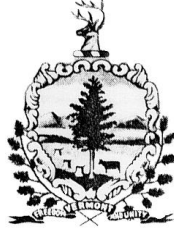
- 11:00 AM **Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect**
David Yacovone, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families
Karen Shea, Child Protection & Field Operations Director, Department for Children and Families

- 12:15 PM **Lunch**

- 1:00 PM **Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect**
Invitation to hear from DCF employees
Doug Racine, Secretary, Agency of Human Services
David Yacovone, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families
Kenneth Schatz, General Counsel, Agency of Human Services

- 3:00 PM **Committee Discussion**

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August 12, 2014

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Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

Overview of Mandatory Reporting

Noah Noyes, M. Ed., licensed professional educator

Jim Forbes, Director, Residential Licensing & Special Investigations, Department for Children and Families

10:30 AM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

Testimony from Medical Providers

Dr. Anne Johnston, M.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Vermont & Vermont Children's Hospital

Dr. Amelia Hopkins, M.D., Fletcher Allen Health Care

Dr. Louis DiNicola, M.D., Gifford Medical Center

12:00 PM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

Testimony from Educators and Day Care Providers

Jo-Anne Unruh, Executive Director, Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators

Kay Curits, Director, Happy Hands: A School for Little People, Brattleboro- Child Care Center

Josh Edelbaum, MSW, Fatherhood Coordinator, VNA Family Room

Maureen Danielzick, Executive Director, Trinity Children's
Center- Preschool

12:30 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

Department for Children and Families Staff Testimony

Tracey Brown, MSW, Social Worker, Intake Unit, Department for
Children and Families-Burlington

Alyssa Dawson, MSW, Social Worker, Investigation &
Assessment Unit, Department for Children and Families-
Burlington

Nancy Miller, Social Services Supervisor, Department for Children
and Families-Burlington

Chelsea Aiken, MSW, Social Worker, Investigation & Assessment
Unit, Department for Children and Families- Burlington

Shannon Morton, MSW, Intake and Assessment Social Worker,
Department for Children and Families-Burlington

Adam Frowine, MSW, Ongoing Social Worker, Department for
Children and Families- Burlington

Karen Reynolds, MSW, Social Worker, Department for Children
and Families- Middlebury

Neysha Stuart, MSW, Social Services Supervisor, Department for
Children and Families- Barre

Kerrie Johnson, MSW, Former Social Worker, Former Senior
Social Worker in Central Intake and Emergency Services Unit,
Department for Children and Families

Patricia Casanova, MSW, Social Worker, Investigation &
Assessment Unit, Department for Children and Families-St.
Albans

3:30 PM

Adjourn

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Testimony from Superior Court Judges assigned to the Family Division

Judge Katherine Hayes, Superior Court Judge, Windham Family Division via Phone

Judge Thomas Devine, Superior Court Judge, Chittenden Family Division

Judge Kathleen Manley, Superior Court Judge, Caledonia, Orleans and Essex Counties

Judge Nancy Corsones, Superior Court Judge, Rutland Family Division

Judge Walter Morris, Superior Court Judge (retired)

Judge Brian Grearson, Superior Court Judge, Washington Criminal Division

Hon. Amy Davenport, Chief Administrative Judge

12:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

DCF Staff Testimony

Beth Sausville, District Director, Department for Children and Families- Bennington

Laurie Bland, Social Worker, Investigation and Assessment Unit,
Department for Children and Families-Rutland

Chris Lazar, Ongoing Social Worker, Department for Children and
Families-Burlington

2:15 PM

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Testimony from Guardians ad Litem

Susan Hong, Guardian ad Litem, Chittenden County

Jo Perreault, Guardian ad Litem, Washington County

Laura Schaller, Guardian ad Litem, Washington County

Matthew Garcia, Guardian ad Litem, Windsor County

Sandra Hack, Guardian ad Litem, Windsor County

Kathy Elkins, Guardian ad Litem, Lamoille County

Mary Hayden, Manager, Guardian ad Litem Program

Karen Shea, Child Protection & Field Operations Director,
Department for Children and Families

Wendy Loomis, Director, Child First Vermont

4:00 PM

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State Attorneys and Special Investigation Units

Erica Marthage, State's Attorney, Bennington County

Kerry McDonald-Cady, Deputy State's Attorney, Windham
County - via Phone

Julie Gaudette, Director, Windsor County Special Investigation
Unit

Martha Neary, Interviewer, Windsor County Special Investigation
Unit

11:30 AM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

Defender General, Juvenile Defender and Public Defenders

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Office of the Defender
General

12:30 PM

Lunch

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Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

Vermont Bar Association

Pam Marsh, Chair, Juvenile Law Section, Vermont Bar
Association

2:00 PM

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Harry Chen, Acting Secretary, Agency of Human Services

Kenneth Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

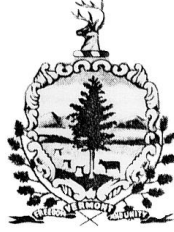
Cindy Walcott, Deputy Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

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Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

12:15 PM

Lunch

The Committee will continue working through lunch in Room 10

1:15 PM

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect

Discussion of Issues:

1. *Variation between districts*
2. *Confidentiality*
3. *Improved communication*
4. *Role, qualifications, and training of social workers*
5. *Standards for custody, reunification and other issues.*

Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

3:45 PM

Future Meeting Planning

4:00 PM

Adjourn