

Vermont Child Poverty Council Action Items

At the conclusion of the Council's last meeting on January 31, 2011, the following subcommittee and individual action items were identified by participants:

- a. **Subcommittee action items.**
 - i. Each subcommittee was to report back on any meetings that occurred in the time prior to the next full Council meeting.
 - ii. The Achievement Gap committee was to report on its action steps and agenda for the legislative session.
 - iii. The Benchmark committee was to report on its meeting regarding the Council's benchmarks as a follow up to the Dartmouth student presentation (e.g., should benchmarks be changed or improved upon? Should benchmarks be prioritized?).

- b. **Individual action items.**
 - i. Individually, Council members were to examine the policy issues currently before legislative committees during this session and assess how the policy issues would affect the Council's work (e.g., tax policy, budget policy).
 - ii. Donna Bister from the Dept. of Health would be consulting with the department's expert in social marketing and reporting back to the full Council.
 - iii. Representative Partridge was to, investigate and report back, on what it would take to produce public access cable programs telling the story of being poor in Vermont.
 - iv. Shaun Donahue (OEO) was to report on the status of the Urban Institute grant. If the grant was awarded, DCF would begin hiring; if the grant was not awarded, DCF would be meeting to plan next steps.
 - v. Jenny Nelson (from Senator Bernie Sanders' office) was to do research on what waivers and options for benefit programs were available on the federal level that could move the Council's agenda forward.
 - vi. Commissioner Yacovone would be reporting on an anti-hunger campaign that DCF was working on; in addition, Commissioner Yacovone, in thinking about "Bright Futures", was to assess whether some of the Council's work is being replicated elsewhere and if there were opportunities for collaboration for the Council with other committees or groups.