

**Minutes of Economic Security and Empowerment Subcommittee  
of the Vermont Child Poverty Council**  
9/4/15

**Meeting Date:** 9/4/15, 11:45 – 12:30

**Subcommittee Members in Attendance**

Karen Lafayette, Subcommittee Chair  
Carlen Finn, Voices for Vermont's Children  
Paul Dragon, Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity  
Annie Noonan, Commissioner of Labor

**Topics Discussed**

- status of the economic policy recommendations from the Council report following this year's legislative session
- need to institutionalize anti-poverty and affordable housing policies in State grants, contracts, permits, and funding
- need to reverse adverse budget impacts from latest budget
- need for leadership from government to systematically to implement anti-poverty policies in budgets and operations across agencies
- next steps – each member requested to draft paragraph and to determine focus of subcommittee's work and eventually craft statement of intent or legislative language on economic security and empowerment goals

**Motions**

No motions were made during the meeting.

*Minutes prepared by David Hall, Legislative Counsel*