

**DRAFT Minutes of Housing and Homeless Subcommittee of the Child Poverty Council**  
9/4/15

**Meeting Date:** 9/4/15, 9:00 – 9:45

**Subcommittee Members in Attendance**

Sen. Ann Cummings  
Rep. Joey Donovan  
Rep. Diane Lanpher  
Jean Murray, Vermont Legal Aid  
Annie Noonan, Commissioner of Labor

**Other Active Participants**

Erhard Mahnke, Coordinator, Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition  
Sarah Carpenter, Director, Vermont Housing Finance Agency

**Topics Discussed**

- The service model of Pathways Vermont.
- The reduction of resources available for the Back Rent Program.
- The lack of resources for housing search coordinators.
- People eligible to leave prison but who have not done so for lack of housing.
- The lack of affordable housing in Vermont, as shown by updated statistics about the wage required to afford housing in Vermont.
- Transportation for students to continue to attend schools in districts they had to leave because of homelessness.
- Idea of expanding EB-5 investment to address housing related to EB-5 development.
- The subcommittee's charge and the need for a new subcommittee chair.
- The potential availability of short term housing assistance under the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act.

**Motions**

No motions were made during the meeting.

*Minutes prepared by Helena Gardner, Legislative Counsel*