

**DRAFT Minutes of Vermont Child Poverty Council meeting**  
*July 21, 2015*

**Meeting Date:** July 21, 2015, 9:00 - 12:00

**Members in Attendance**

Representative Jill Krowinski, Chair  
Senator Claire Ayer  
Paul Dragon, Vermont Agency of Human Services  
Carlen Finn, Voices for Vermont's Children  
Karen Lafayette, Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council  
Representative Diane Lanpher  
Annie Noonan, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Labor  
Grace Pazdan for Jean Murray, Vermont Legal Aid  
Deb Price for Amy Fowler, Vermont Agency of Education

**Members Absent**

Senator John Campbell  
Senator Ann Cummings  
Representative Johannah Donovan  
Harry Chen, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health  
Jeff Francis, Vermont Superintendents Association  
Breena Holmes, Vermont Department of Health

**Other Active Participants**

Jennifer Carbee, Legislative Counsel, Vermont Legislative Council  
Angus Chaney, Director of Housing, Vermont Agency of Human Services  
Karin Edwards, Director, Student Support, Vermont Agency of Education  
Rochelle Finzel, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) (*by phone*)  
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Melissa Riegel-Garrett, Pre-Kindergarten Coordinator, Vermont Agency of Education

**Topics Discussed**

- 2015 legislative actions taken based on recommendations from 2014 Child Poverty Council Report
- Implementation of pre-kindergarten education in Vermont
- Overview from NCSL of innovative programs in other states to help children who are in poverty
- Administration's goal of ending homelessness in Vermont by 2020
- Review of Child Poverty Council subcommittee structure

**Motions**

No motions were made during the meeting.

**Votes**

The Council elected Representative Jill Krowinski to continue as Chair of the Vermont Child Poverty Council.

*Minutes prepared by Jennifer Carbee, Legislative Counsel*