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November 29, 2018  
9:30am-11:30am  
Room 10

**MINUTES (draft)**

**Legislative Members Present:** Representative Diane Lanpher (Chair), Representative Lawrence Cupoli, Senator Dick McCormack, Senator David Soucy, and Representative Theresa Wood

**Other Members Present:** Cara Capparelli, *Child and Family Trauma Workgroup*; Carlen Finn, *Voices for Vermont Children*; Erhard Mahnke, *VT Affordable Housing Coalition*; Sandy Paritz, *VT Legal Aid*; Jenna O'Farrell, *Northeast Kingdom Community Action*; Karen Lafayette, *VT Low Income Advocacy Council*; Katie Ballard, *VT Coalition for Disability Rights*; Sarah Phillips, *Department for Children & Families*; Stacie Rouleau, *K-12 Public Education delivery system*; Heather Bouchee, *Agency of Education*

**Staff Present:** Jen Carbee, Jared Adler, and Mike Ferrant, *Office of Legislative Council*

- The meeting was called to order by Rep. Diane Lanpher, as Chair of the Council, at 9:30am.
- As the Council consists of 15 voting members, a quorum was established with more than 8 members present.
- A motion was made to approve the [minutes](#) of the October 25, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded and the approval vote was unanimous.
- Chair Lanpher discussed the [off-site meeting](#) on December 5<sup>th</sup> in St. Johnsbury, highlighting the details of the meeting, directions, and presented a carpool sign-up sheet.
- Reeva Murphy, [Holly Morehouse](#), and [Amy Johnson](#) testified on the [Review of the Act 43 Report](#). The Council discussed the highlights of the report with them.
- [Reeva Murphy](#) and [Sharon Harrington](#) testified on [Strengthening Families](#) and the work needed to create a more sustainable model.

- The Council then discussed ideas for [Benchmarks](#) and [Recommendations](#) to the Legislature. Legislative Counsel Jen Carbee and Law Clerk Jared Adler walked the Council through those processes.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:06pm.
- The next meeting of the Council is December 5, 2018 at NEKCA in St. Johnsbury from 5:00-7:00pm.
- The FINAL meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2018 from 9:30-11:30am in Room 11 of the State House.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Office of Legislative Council