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**Outcomes from H. 145 - Mental
Health Crisis Response
Commission**

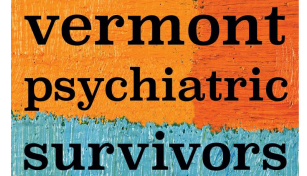
House Committee on Health Care
Wilda L. White, Chair, MHCRC
Friday, January 19, 2018

H.145 – Act 45 (2017)

An act relating to establishing the Mental Health Crisis Response Commission

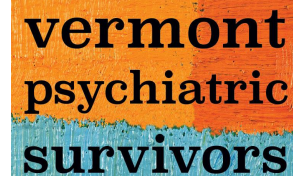
- To conduct reviews of law enforcement interactions with persons acting in a manner that created reason to believe a mental health crisis was occurring and resulted in a fatality or serious bodily injury to any party to the interaction
- To identify where investments would improve outcomes
- To educate about strategies for intervention in and prevention of mental health crises;
- To recommend policies, practices, and services to increase successful interventions
- To recommend training strategies
- To make recommendations based on review of cases before commission

Composition of Commission

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Composition by Statute	Designee
Attorney General or Designee	David Sherr, Esq. Assistant Attorney General
Commissioner of Mental Health or Designee	Mourning Fox Deputy Commissioner of Mental Health
Vermont State Police Member (Commissioner of Public Safety)	Lt. Maurice Lamothe Vermont State Police
Frontline Local Law Enforcement (Vermont Association of Police Chiefs)	Chief Frank Koss Hinesburg Police Department
Executive Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council or Designee	Cindy Taylor-Patch Training Director
Designated Agencies Representative (Vermont Care Partners)	Sandy Steingard, M.D. Chief Medical Officer Howard Center

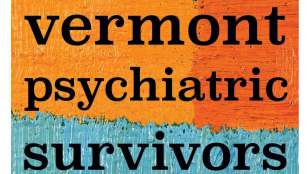
Composition of Commission (cont'd)

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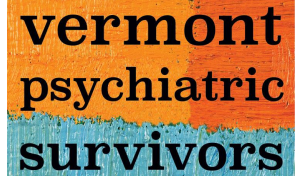
Composition by Statute	Designee
Disability Rights Director or Designee	Ed Paquin Executive Director Disability Rights Vermont
Person with Lived Experience (Vermont Psychiatric Survivors)	Wilda L. White Executive Director Vermont Psychiatric Survivors
Family Member of Person with “Lived Experience” (National Alliance on Mental Illness)	Laurie Emerson Executive Director National Alliance on Mental Illness
Regionally Diverse At-Large Member (Governor)	John Campbell Executive Director Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs
Regionally Diverse At-Large Member (Governor)	Kristen Chandler, Esq. Coordinator, Team Two

Commission Timeline

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Event	Date
First Meeting	Tuesday, September 12, 2017
Notice of Appointment of First At-Large Member	October 17, 2017
Second Meeting	Monday, October 16, 2017
Notice of Appointment of Second At-Large Member	November 27, 2017
Third Meeting	Wednesday, November 29, 2017
Fourth Meeting	Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Next Meeting	Tuesday, February 14, 2018

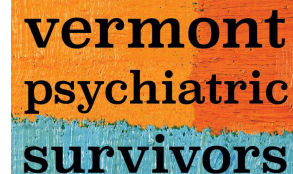
First Meeting – Non-Confidential

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- Wilda White, Chair
- Cindy Taylor-Patch, Vice Chair
- Phil Grenon's death by law enforcement, first incident to be reviewed by Commission

Confidentiality Agreement

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This Agreement for non-disclosure of information is entered into among the members of the **Mental Health Crisis Response Commission** (“Commission”) for the purpose of preventing unauthorized disclosure of confidential information.

In accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 7257a(f) and (h) the proceedings, meetings, and records of the Commission are confidential and are not subject to subpoena, discovery, or introduction into evidence in a civil or criminal action. The Commission shall not use the information, records, or data for purposes other than those designated by subsections (a) and (i) of 18 V.S.A. § 7257a.

For the purposes of this Agreement, confidential information includes all information, records, and data gathered or produced in the course of the Commission’s duties. Confidential information also includes the Commission’s proceedings, meetings, and records thereof.

Commission members shall not make unauthorized disclosures of confidential information.

Commission members shall take all reasonable care to maintain the confidentiality of any information, records, or data gathered or produced in the course of the Commission’s work. Commission members understand that maintaining confidentiality will be essential to the Commission’s work.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit the Commission’s duties and obligations pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 7257a.

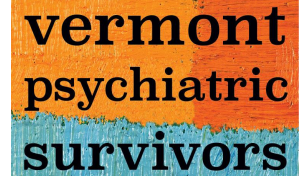
This Agreement shall not create any legal liability or private right of action for any signatory, or for any other person or entity.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont.

Issues for Legislators

- Definition of “serious bodily injury,” as used in the statute
- Recusals involving the Vermont State Police
- Over-representation of law enforcement (five of 11) and under-representation of lay people on the Commission

Contact Information

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