

**DRAFT Minutes of Vermont Child Poverty Council**  
**Room 10**  
**Meeting Date 10/19/2017 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Members in Attendance**

Senator Debbie Ingram, Co-chair  
Representative Diane Lanpher, Co-chair  
Senator Dick McCormack  
Representative David Sharpe  
Representative Theresa Wood  
Mathew Barewicz, Department of Labor  
Paul Dragon, Agency of Human Services  
Carlen Finn, Voices for Vermont Children  
Dr. Amy Fowler, Deputy Secretary, Department of Education  
Dr. Breena Holmes, Vermont Department of Health  
Karen LaFayette, Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council  
Sandy Paritz, Vermont Legal Aid  
Judy Rex for Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department of Children and Families

**Members Absent**

Senator Philip Baruth  
Jeff Francis  
Breena Holmes  
Representative David Sharp

**Others**

Angus Chaney  
Dan Dickerson  
Nolan Langweil  
Matt Levin  
Erhard Mahnke  
Erin Oalican  
Dru Roessle  
Falko Schilling  
Amy Shollenberger

**Topics Discussed**

**Approval of Minutes**

Senator Debbie Ingram moved to approve the 9.21,17 minutes. Senator Dick McCormack seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Road Map to End Homelessness**

Angus Chaney, Director of Housing, AHS and Erhard Mahnke, Executive Director, Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition reviewed the Final Report on the Road Map to End Homelessness.

**Economic Empowerment and Financial Capability – Basic Needs Budget**

Dan Dickerson and Nolan Langweil, Fiscal Analysts at the Joint Fiscal Office, reviewed the creation of the Basic Needs Budget.

**Minimum Wage and Benefits Cliff Study Committee**

Senator Michael Sirotkin testified via phone about the work of the Minimum Wage and Benefits Cliff Study Committee.

**Economic Empowerment and Financial Capacity – Post Secondary Education and Transportation**

Erin Oalican, Reach-up/TANF Program Director, AHS reviewed information related to the Reach Up program and post-secondary education program and including difficulties imposed by lack of transportation.

**Results Based Accountability**

Dru Roessle reviewed the work from the last meeting and began discussion on three final questions:

1. How would we know we are being successful?
2. What works to do that?
3. What will we do/produce?

Amy Fowler requested and was granted time to discuss the future of the Council and recommendation of the Council members.

**Adjournment**