

**DRAFT Minutes of Vermont Child Poverty Council**  
**Room 10**  
**Meeting Date 11/16/2017 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  
Jeff Francis, Vermont Superintendents Association  
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  
Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department of Children and Families

**Members Absent**

Senator Philip Baruth

**Others**

Matt Levin  
Scott Rathke  
Emanuel Betz  
Kathy Olwell  
Cindy Metcalf  
Virginia Burley  
Ashlynn Doyon

**Topics Discussed**

**Approval of Minutes**

Senator Debbie Ingram moved to approve the 9.21,17 minutes. Representative Theresa Wood seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Affordability and Accessibility of Child Care**

Reeva Murphy, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Children and Families and Sarah Squirrel, Executive Director of Building Bright Futures discuss the affordability and accessibility of child care.

□ **Supporting Children from Low-Income Families in Educational Settings**

Holly Morehouse, Executive Director of Vermont Afterschool and Jennifer Gresham, Director of the Agency of Education Federal and Education Support Programs discussed supporting children from low-income families in educational settings.

□ **Child Savings Accounts**

John Pelletier, Director of the Center for Financial Literacy at Champlain College, provided an update and recommendation on Child Savings Accounts.

□ **Committee Discussion**

The committee discussed and edited draft legislation written by Katie McLinn.

□ **Adjournment**