

Minutes of Vermont Child Poverty Council
Ethan Allen Room
Meeting Date 7/20/2017 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Members in Attendance

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

Members Absent

Senator Philip Baruth
Senator Dick McCormack
Carlen Finn, Voices for Vermont Children
Jeffrey Francis, Vermont Superintendents Association
Dr. Breena Holmes, Vermont Department of Health

Others

Matt Levin, Vermont Early Childhood Alliance

Topics Discussed

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Election of Chair**

Rep. Wood nominated Rep. Lanpher as Chair and Sen. Ingram as Co-Chair
Amy Fowler seconded the motion. Passed by voice vote.

- **Review of Council Charge**

Katie McLinn, Legislative Council reviewed the charge of the council, available here:<http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/WorkGroups/Vermont%20Child%20Poverty%20Council/VCPC%207.20.17/W~Katie%20McLinn~Vermont%20Child%20Poverty%20Council%20Charge~7-20-2017.pdf>

- **Review of Council Membership**

Members recommended that the Council seek greater representation from the housing and disability advocacy community.

- **RBA Presentation**

Drusilla Roessle, Performance Improvement Director, Agency of Human Services, reviewed the basic principles of RBA and how they related to the Council's charge.

- **2016 Report Recommendations**

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, did an overview of the Council's website. She then reviewed the 2016 Council recommendations and related legislative action in the 2017 session. Relevant documents are available here:

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/WorkGroups/Vermont%20Child%20Poverty%20Council/VCPC%207.20.17/W~Katie%20McLinn~2016%20Legislative%20Action%20on%20VCPC%20Recommendations~7-20-2017.pdf>

- **Council Discussion on August Meeting Topics**

The Council's next meeting is Tuesday August 22, 2017 in Room 10 at the Statehouse. Members suggested the following topics for discussion at future meetings:

- Revisiting the Council's original goals and associated data pertaining to the achievement of those goals. Link to the 2009 report is available here:
<http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/WorkGroups/Vermont%20Child%20Poverty%20Council/Resources/W~Katie%20McLinn~Improving%20the%20Odds%20for%20Kids%20January%2029%202009~7-20-2017.pdf>
- Organize testimony from people living in poverty with the help of the CAP agencies
- Request that Dru Roessle returns and facilitates conversations related to RBA, including assistance in setting outcomes for children in poverty and appropriate measures for achieving those measures
- Hear updates regarding the work of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Financing High Quality, Affordable Child Care and also pertaining to mental health and substance abuse generally

- **Adjournment Meeting Dates**

Future Meetings:	Thurs October 19, 2017
Tues August 22, 2017	Thurs Nov 16, 2017
Thurs September 21, 2017	Thurs Dec 21, 2017