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September 26, 2019
9:30am-11:30am
Room 10

MINUTES (draft)

Legislative Members Present: Senator Debbie Ingram (Chair), Representative Diane Lanpher (Vice Chair), Representative Lawrence Cupoli, Senator Dick McCormack, and Representative Theresa Wood

Other Members Present: Cara Capparelli, *Child and Family Trauma Workgroup*; Carlen Finn, *Voices for Vermont Children*; Sandy Paritz, *VT Legal Aid*; Katie Ballard, *VT Coalition for Disability Rights*; Karen Lafayette, *VT Low Income Advocacy Council*; Stacie Rouleau, *K-12 Public Education delivery system*; Laura Bernard for Janet Kilburn, *Department of Health*; Auburn Watersong, *Agency of Human Services*.

Staff Present: Katie McLinn and Mike Ferrant, *Office of Legislative Council*, Nolan Langweil, *Joint Fiscal Office*

- The meeting was called to order by Senator Debbie Ingram at 9:30am.
- As the Council consists of 15 voting members, a quorum was established with more than 8 voting members present.
- A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes.
- The Council connected remotely via ZOOM with Cara Baldari, Vice President of Family Economics for First Focus, who presented "[Ending Child Poverty in the U.S.](#)" to the group. After her presentation, Michelle Fay presented a [memo](#) and a presentation of a [Roadmap to Reducing Child Poverty](#), and Sarah Teel updated the Council on [Vermont Children's Economic Well-being](#).
- The Council then heard phone testimony from Travis Poulin about Vermont Income Tax Assistance Program ([VITA](#)).

- Next, Dylan Giambatista presented the Council with information about [Financial Literacy](#) opportunities for Vermonters. He also presented the [afterschool](#) financial literacy curriculum.
- The Council discussed the off-site meeting and established the following details: the meeting will take place on 11/21/2019 5:30pm-7:30pm at BROCC in Rutland. Representative Cupoli is coordinating with Tom Donahue on the logistics and those details should be ready by the next meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.
- The next meeting of the Council is October 24, 2019 from 9:30-noon in Room 10 of the State House.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Office of Legislative Council