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July 25, 2019
9:30am-11:30am
Room 10

MINUTES (draft)

Legislative Members Present: 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*; Michelle Fay, *Voices for Vermont Children*; Erhard Mahnke, *VT Affordable Housing Coalition*; Sandy Paritz, *VT Legal Aid*; Jenna O'Farrell, *Northeast Kingdom Community Action*; Karen Lafayette, *VT Low Income Advocacy Council*; Katie Ballard, *VT Coalition for Disability Rights*; Sarah Phillips, *Department for Children & Families*; Stacie Rouleau, *K-12 Public Education delivery system*; Heather Bouchee, *Agency of Education*; 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 Rep. Theresa Wood, member of the House Committee on Human Services, at 9:30am.
- As the Council consists of 15 voting members, a quorum was established with more than 8 members present.
- A motion was made to nominate Senator Debbie Ingram as Chair of the Council. The motion was seconded, and the approval vote was unanimous.
- A motion was made to nominate Representative Diane Lanpher as Vice Chair of the Council. The motion was seconded, and the approval vote was unanimous.
- The Council heard [testimony](#) from Katie McLinn, *Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council* to review the 2018 Benchmarks and Recommendations the Council made to the General Assembly.

- The Council heard [testimony](#) from Reeva Murphy, *Deputy Commissioner, Child Development Division, DCF* on updates to the Childcare Changes in Vermont.
- The Council heard [testimony](#) from Erin Oalican, *Reach-Up/TANF Program Director, DCF* on updates to the Reach-Up program in Vermont.
- The Council discussed future meetings, dates, and the off-site meeting location and possible dates.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.
- The next meeting of the Council is August 29, 2019 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Room 11 of the State House.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Office of Legislative Council