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December 19, 2019
9:30am-11:30am
Room 10

MINUTES

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*; Amy Brady for Carlen Finn, *Voices for Vermont Children*; Katie Ballard, *VT Coalition for Disability Rights*; Karen Lafayette, *VT Low Income Advocacy Council*; Janet Kilburn, *Department of Health*; Auburn Watersong, *Agency of Human Services*; Jenna O'Farrell, *NEKCA*, Erhard Mahnke, Sandy Paritz, Stacie Rouleau

Staff Present: Katie McLinn and Mike Ferrant, *Office of Legislative Council*

- 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.
- Minutes from the [October 24, 2019](#) meeting as well as the Rutland offsite meeting on [11-21-2019](#) were discussed and edits given. Legislative Staff updated and the Council voted unanimously to approve both meeting's minutes.
- The Council began the meeting hearing from Katie Ballard, as a parent of children with IEP and emotional struggles as well as homelessness. Her remarks were only verbally submitted.
- The Council then discussed the Recommendations that will go forward to the Legislature with Legislative Counsel Katie McLinn.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.
- The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for January 9, 2020 to review and approve the recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Ferrant
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