

Subjects Considered in House Committee on Human Services

Subject	Primary attorney	Notes
Abortion	Brynn	
Adverse childhood experiences – e.g., childhood trauma, resiliency	Katie	
Aging and older Vermonters	Jen	
Child care – e.g., child care centers, child care homes, afterschool programs, pre-K/early childhood education, child care providers	Katie	Jim also staffs Pre-K
Child protection – e.g., abuse and neglect, CHINS, judicial proceedings involving children	Brynn	
Disposition of human remains – e.g., burial, cemeteries, cremation, natural organic reduction	Katie	Disposition of human remains is also considered in House General, Housing, and Military Affairs
End-of-life issues – e.g., advance directives, do-not-resuscitate orders (DNR) and clinician orders for life-sustaining treatment (COLST), patient choice at end of life (aka death with dignity/physician assisted suicide)	Jen	
Foster care – e.g., foster children, foster parents	Katie	
Food and lodging – e.g., nutrition, restaurants, housing, homelessness, runaway youth, short-term rentals	Katie	Housing issues also considered in House General and Senate Economic Development
Individuals with disabilities – e.g., individuals with physical disabilities, individuals with intellectual disabilities	Katie	
Long-term care – e.g., nursing homes, assisted living facilities, residential care homes	Jen	

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Marijuana – e.g., medical marijuana, legalization of cannabis	Michele	Katie handles health effects of marijuana use
Medicaid – e.g., Choices for Care, Long-Term Care Medicaid	Jen	
Prescription drugs	Jen – prescription drugs generally Katie - Vermont Prescription Monitoring System (VPMS), abuse/misuse of prescription drugs	
Public assistance – e.g., Reach Up (aka TANF), 3SquaresVT (aka SNAP, food stamps), Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP)	Katie	
Public Health – e.g., immunizations, communicable diseases, Hepatitis-C, lead poisoning, environmental health, obesity	Katie	May also be considered in House Health Care
Smoking – e.g., cigarettes, electronic cigarettes/vaping, smoking age	Jen	
Substance use disorder – e.g., medication-assisted treatment (MAT), hub and spoke, licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors (LADC)	Katie	