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State of Vermont

Vermont Department of Corrections Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services

Women's Facility Stakeholder Group

The Vermont Department of Corrections convenes the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility (CRCF) replacement stakeholder group approximately quarterly. There have been 14 meetings total of this group, two thus far in 2025 and five in 2024.

The group, which includes more than 50 individual members, brings together DOC leadership and staff, the Department of Buildings and General Services, labor representatives, current CRCF providers (Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Mercy Connections, Vermont Works for Women, and Lund/Kids-A-Part Parenting Program), academics from the University of Vermont, the Vermont Commission on Women, the Essex Community Justice Center, Essex community leaders, the Community College of Vermont, Dismas House representatives, the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs, the Vermont judiciary, the Prisoners' Rights Office of the Defender General, advocacy organizations (ACLU, Disability Rights Vermont), and special interest political groups (FreeHer).

An overwhelming majority of group members voiced strong support for a new facility to replace CRCF and say the stakeholder meetings have been "immensely valuable."

Meetings of the Stakeholder Group:

- November 17, 2022
- January 20, 2023
- March 31, 2023
- June 23, 2023
- November 8, 2023
- January 16, 2024
- March 8, 2024
- April 4, 2024 (reentry facility criteria discussion)
- June 7, 2024
- August 1, 2024 (Essex site previews)
- September 20, 2024
- December 6, 2024

- March 7, 2025
- June 17, 2025