



STATE OF VERMONT

Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR)

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

MINUTES

January 16, 2025

The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules met on Thursday, January 16, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in 267 of the Pavilion Office Building in Montpelier, Vermont.

The following members were present:

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons
Sen. David Weeks

Rep. Trevor Squirrel, Chair
Sen. Seth Bongartz (former Rep.)
Rep. Mark Higley
Rep. Carol Ode

Staff present:

Damien Leonard
Emery Mattheis
Katie McLinn

Committee Counsel
Committee Assistant
Legislative Counsel

Approval of prior minutes

On motion of Rep. Ode, the Committee approved the minutes of January 9, 2025.

Review of Rules

The Committee reviewed the following rules:

24-P35 - Licensing and Operating Regulations for Therapeutic Community Residences.

The proposed rule amendment adopts provisions necessary to authorize the use of emergency involuntary procedures, including the administration of involuntary medication, at a secure residential facility pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 137.

On motion of Rep. Squirrell, the Committee voted to postpone action until January 30, 2025.

24-E08 - General Assistance Emergency Housing Assistance Emergency Rules.

Heidi Moreau, Policy Analyst, Department for Children and Families, explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee. Brenda Siegel, Executive Director, End Homelessness Vermont, and Leah Burdick, Staff Attorney, Elder Law Project, also testified on the rule.

The emergency rule extends the General Assistance Emergency Housing Assistance Emergency Rules.

On motion of Senator Lyons, the Committee voted to neither approve nor object to the proposed emergency rules.

24-P42 - General Assistance Emergency Housing Assistance Rules. Heidi Moreau, Policy Analyst, Department for Children and Families, explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee. Brenda Siegel, Executive Director, End Homelessness Vermont; Leah Burdick, Staff Attorney, Elder Law Project; and Katie McLinn from the Office of Legislative Counsel also testified on the rule.

This rule amends the General Assistance Program Emergency Housing Assistance Rules.

On motion of Rep. Squirrell, the Committee voted to postpone action on this rule until January 30, 2025.

24-P20 - Agency of Human Services/Agency Designation - Adoption Deadline Extension Request. Ashley Johns, Staff Attorney, Agency of Human Services, explained the request and answered questions from the Committee.

On motion of Rep. Bongartz, the Committee approved the extension of the adoption deadline to March 31, 2025.

24-P21 - Recovery Services Organization Certification Rule - Adoption Deadline Extension Request. Natalie Weill, Public Health Policy Advisor, explained the request and answered questions from the Committee.

On motion of Rep. Bongartz, the Committee approved the extension of the adoption deadline to March 7, 2025.

Adjournment and next meeting

The Committee adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for January 30, 2025, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in room 267 of the Pavilion Office Building in Montpelier, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Damien Leonard
Committee Counsel

cc: APA Clerk, Secretary of State
ICAR, Agency of Administration