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STATE OF VERMONT

Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR)

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

MINUTES

January 30, 2025

The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules met on Thursday, January 30, 2025, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in 267 of the Pavilion Office Building in Montpelier, Vermont.

The following members were present:

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons
Sen. David Weeks
Sen. Chris Bray

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 16, 2025.

Review of Rules

The Committee reviewed the following rules:

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

Stuart Schurr, General Counsel, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, and Pamela Cota, Long-Term Care Licensing Chief, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee.

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 Senator Bray, the Committee voted to approve 24-P35 with proposed modifications submitted by the Department in a memorandum dated January 13, 2025.

24-P20 - Agency of Human Services/Agency Designation.

Ashley Johns, Staff Attorney, Agency of Human Services, explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee.

The proposed rule amendments update the rules governing designated agencies and specialized service agencies to modernize language, align with current policy and practice, make the rule format and content consistent with other Agency of Human Services rules, improve clarity, and to simplify and modernize processes related to agency designation.

On motion of Senator Lyons, the Committee voted to approve 24-P20 with the proposed modifications that were presented and approved during the meeting.

24-P21 – Department of Health/Recovery Services Organization Certification Rule.

Natalie Weill, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of Health, and Nicole Rau Mitiguy, Substance Misuse Prevention Manager, Department of Health, explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee.

The proposed rule is a new rule that will establish a certification process and certification requirements for recovery service organizations that receive State or federal funding from the Department of Health to provide recovery support services.

On motion of Senator Lyons, the Committee voted to approve 24-P21 with proposed modifications submitted by the Department in a memorandum dated January 28, 2025.

Adjournment and next meeting

The Committee adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for February 6, 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