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Memorandum

To: House Health and Human Services Committee
From: Steven Berbeco, CDD Deputy Commissioner
Re: Background on Eligibility and Referral Programs
Date: August 27, 2020

During a House Health and Human Services Committee hearing on August 27, 2020, committee members asked for the history of why Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP) eligibility and child care referral services have been contracted out to community partners in the past. Specifically, committee members asked why and how this practice started, and why DCF has continued that practice for many years.

I hope that the following historical information will be helpful to the committee members.

Community partners assumed the eligibility and referral services sometime between 1995-1997. Unfortunately, the documents during that time were in paper format and we believe that much of this documentation was lost or destroyed during the Hurricane Irene flooding.

In 2011, the administration issued a proposal to bring CCFAP eligibility services back into the State. A workgroup met for about six months and then came to the conclusion that it was in the best interest of families that CCFAP eligibility remain in the community agencies. Attached please find documentation of the proposal and results of a survey that went out to CCFAP parents.

If you have further questions, please contact me at Steven.Berbeco@vermont.gov.

