

2019-2020 Session

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Joint Legislative Child Protection Oversight Committee

Previous Meetings - Full Report

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	CHINS Reform Work Group Report
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Larry Crist, Executive Director, Red Cross

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Court Administrator's Office

Rep. Michael Mrowicki, Case Aide, DSC-Family Services Division

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Kenneth Schatz, Commissioner, Department for
Children and Families

Karen Shea, Deputy Commissioner, Family Services
Division, Department for Children and Families

4:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, September 5, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM Introductions, Welcome, Election of Chair

10:15 AM Refresher on Statutory Duties of Committee

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

10:30 AM Federal Family Legislation

*Where the state is in its implementation response.
Role of State Legislators*

Brenda Gooley, Operations Director, DCF, Family
Services Division

Christine Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, DCF, Family
Services Division

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

11:30 AM Update on Woodside

*Impact of increase in age of DCF jurisdiction on case
loads, current issues and planning for the future*

Christine Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, DCF, Family
Services Division

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM CHINS Reform Group Update

Recommendations

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Court
Administrator's Office

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

1:45 PM **Committee Discussion**

Future agenda setting

2:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

12:00 PM **DCF: Child Protection Updates**

Christine Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, DCF, Family
Services Division

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

1:00 PM **Child Advocate/Ombudsman Model**

Amy Brady, Policy Associate, Voices for Vermont's
Children

Nathaniel Farnham, Youth Advocate

Rachel Grossman, Family Support Worker, Defender
General's Office

2:00 PM **Break**

2:30 PM **Families First Legislation,Continued**

Legislative role and how other states are responding

Amy Brady, Policy Associate, Voices for Vermont's
Children

Christine Calpin, Managing Director of Public Policy,
Casey Family Programs

Tim Decker, Senior Fellow, Annie E Casey Foundation

Christine Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, DCF, Family
Services Division

Nina William-Mbengue, Senior Fellow, Children and
Family Services, National Conference of State
Legislatures

3:45 PM **Commission Discussion**

4:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

10:00 AM

CHINS Reform

Larry Crist, Executive Director, VT Parent
Representation Center, Inc

Christine Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, DCF, Family
Services Division

Bill Young, Former Commissioner , Social and
Rehabilitative Services

11:00 AM

DCF/Family Services Performance Improvement Plan

Based on federal review

Brenda Gooley, Operations Director, DCF, Family
Services Division

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

12:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM

Committee Discussion

1:30 PM

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Deficiencies and Potential Areas for Improvement

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Rob Post, Programs Manager, Juvenile Matters, Office
of Court Administrator

2:00 PM

Update on Truancy

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

2:30 PM Adjourn

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Meeting Details

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Type** Standard

Meeting Record

12:00 PM Child Advocate/Ombudsman

Amy Brady, Policy Associate, Voices for Vermont's
Children

Mickey Kramer, Associate Child Advocate, CT Office of
Child Advocate

Moira O'Neill, Director, Office of the Child Advocate

1:00 PM Prevention Programs

Heather Hobart, Executive Director, Lamoille
Restorative Center

1:45 PM Status Report on Woodside

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

2:15 PM CHINS Reform Follow Up

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

3:00 PM Committee Discussion

Letter to Congressional Delegation
Committee Recommendations and Next Steps

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

4:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

12:00 PM Act 201 (2018) Report on Juvenile Justice

Lael Chester, Director, Emerging Adult Program,
Columbia University Justice Lab

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Karen Vastine, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner,
Department for Children and Families

1:30 PM UVM Research Update

Scott Thomas, Dean and Professor, University of
Vermont

1:45 PM Act 72 (2019) Reach Up Case Management Review and Community Engagement Report

Erin Oalican , Reach-Up/TANF Program Director,
Department for Children and Families

2:30 PM Updates from Committee Members

3:00 PM Commission Discussion

Review and Recommendations

Thursday, October 29, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

12:30 PM **Woodside Permanent Closure Plan**

Joint Meeting with Joint Justice Oversight Committee

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

John Campbell, Executive Director, State's Attorneys
and Sheriffs' Dept.

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State
Employees Association

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

3:30 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

12:30 PM DCF Report on Long Term Plan for Justice Involved Youth

Joint Meeting with Joint Justice Oversight Committee Recommendations from the Committees on whether to approve plan from the report

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

A.J. Ruben, Supervising Attorney, Disability Rights Vermont

3:30 PM Adjourn
