

2021-2022 Session

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Senate Committee on Health and Welfare

(Room 17)

The Senate Committee on Health and Welfare has jurisdiction over matters relating to the preservation of health, old age assistance, and social and economic security.

Previous Meetings - Full Report

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

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Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

Thursday, January 7, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **Joint Assembly**
Canvassing Committee Report

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

2:00 PM **Joint Assembly**
Governor's Remarks

Friday, January 8, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Meeting Details

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9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:15 AM **Introductions and Discussion**

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **COVID-19 Response**

*Updates from the Department of Health
Committee Discussion*

9:50 AM **Break**

10:15 AM **COVID-19 Response**

*Joint meeting with House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services
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Committee Discussion*

10:45 AM COVID-19 Response

Joint meeting with House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services

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Updates from the Department of Health

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM COVID-19 Response

Joint meeting with the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services

Review of Health and Human Services CRF policies and funds

Donna Bailey, Director, Addison County Parent Child Center

Jacob Bogre, Executive Director, Association of Africans Living in Vermont

Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services

Mary Feldman, Executive Director, Rutland County Parent Child Center

Heidi Hall, CFO, Washington County Mental Health Services

Monica Caserta Hutt, Commissioner, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

Sarah Launderville, President, Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights

Holly Morehouse, Executive Director, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.

Mary Moulton, Executive Director, Washington County Mental Health Services

Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

Thato Ratsebe, Assistant Director, Association of Africans Living in Vermont

Aly Richards, Chief Executive Officer, Let's Grow Kids

John Sayles, CEO, Vermont Foodbank

Amy Shollenberger, Lobbyist, Parent Child Center Network

Sarah Squirrel, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

Friday, January 15, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **Emergency Authority**
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
 - 9:45 AM** **S. - An act relating to a Health Emergency task force and State plan**
Walk through, committee discussion
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
 - 10:15 AM** **Legislative Priorities**
Committee discussion
 - 11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**
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Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**
 - 10:15 AM** **Implicit Bias Prevention Training**
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Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **COVID-19 Response**
Joint meeting with House Committees on Human Services and on Health Care

Meeting livestreamed here

Overview of new federal funding and guidelines

Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

11:00 AM Green Mountain Care Board

Introduction and Overview

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Health Care 101

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

10:00 AM Committee Introductions

Agency of Human Services Overview

Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services

Mike Smith, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

11:00 AM Health Care 101

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Friday, January 22, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Legislative Overview

Review of bills passed by Senate Health and Welfare in the last biennium

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **Legislative Report Overview**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

1:00 AM **Governor's FY2022 Budget Address**

Joint Assembly

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Health Care Reform**

Overview and Initiatives

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

10:25 AM **S.42 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission**

Introduction, possible walk through

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Dick Sears, Sponsor, Bennington County

10:45 AM **Accountable Care Organizations**

Overview and Updates

Tom Borys, Senior Director of Finance and Payment Reform, OneCare Vermont

11:30 AM **S.28 - An act relating to banning baby bumper pads**

Introduction, walk through

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor, Chittenden County

- **S.19 - An act relating to a climate change response plan and regional planning commission involvement in identifying health care-related needs**

Introduction, walk through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor, Chittenden County

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Thursday, January 28, 2021

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9:00 AM **Health Care Overview**

Organization Introductions and Updates

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,
Vermont Legal Aid

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of
Hospitals and Health Systems

Joshua Green, Vermont Association of Naturopathic Physicians
 Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association
 Sean Londergan, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Vermont Legal Aid
 Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont
 Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association
 Susan Ridzon, Executive Director, Health First
 Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, MVP Healthcare
 Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue
 Shield of Vermont
 Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

10:35 AM **Break**

10:40 AM **Vermont Medicaid Participation in All-Payer Model**

Amy Coonradt, Director of Operations for ACO Programs, Department of Vermont
 Health Access (DVHA)
 Alicia Cooper, Director of Payment Reform, Reimbursement and Rate Setting,
 Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

11:10 AM **S.42 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness
 Commission**

Testimony

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections
 Robert Lucas, Peer Support Leader, Vermont State Police
 Peter Lynch, Chief of Training, Vermont Fire Academy
 Barbara M. Neal, Executive Director, Enhanced 9-1-1 Board

Friday, January 29, 2021

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9:00 AM **Childcare Updates**

State of care in Vermont, overview of five year plan

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families
 Miranda Gray, Child Care Hubs Project Manager, Child Development Division,
 Department for Children and Families

Sarah Truckle, Financial Director IV, Department for Children and Families

10:00 AM Childcare Updates

Childcare hub implementation

Holly Morehouse, Executive Director, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.

10:45 AM COVID-19 Response

Review of time-limited Act 91 and Act 140 provisions related to COVID-19

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

10:00 AM S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone

Walk-through, discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM Break

11:15 AM S.48 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact

Introduction and walk-through

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM Potential Extension of Time-Limited Act 91 and Act 140 Provisions Related to COVID-19

*Joint meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Meeting livestream [here](#).*

- Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society
- Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems
- Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office
- Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association
- Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, America's Health Insurance Plans
- Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont
- Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association
- Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, MVP Healthcare
- Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont
- Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM Budget Adjustment Act

Updates from the Department of Disability, Aging and Independent Living and from the Department for Children and Families

- Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families
- Monica Caserta Hutt, Commissioner, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living
- Bill Kelly, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living
- Megan Tierney-Ward, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living
- Sarah Truckle, Financial Director IV, Department for Children and Families

11:30 AM S.42 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission

Testimony and committee discussion

- Chris Louras, Former Mayor, Rutland City

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Budget Adjustment Act**

Updates from the Department of Vermont Health Access

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

9:30 AM **TBD**

Cindy Bruzzese, Executive Director & Clinical Ethicist, Vermont Ethics Network

Olivia Graffeo-Cohen, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

10:00 AM **S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone**

Vermont Information Technology Leaders data sharing abilities

Beth Anderson, President and CEO, Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL)

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL)

10:20 AM **Break**

10:40 AM **Mental Health Advocacy Day**

John Gorton, Member, Franklin County ACES Working Group and Statewide Child and Family Trauma Working Group

Margaret Ross, Crisis Clinician, Howard Center

Deanna Ryerson, Crisis Director, Howard Center

11:05 AM

S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone

Mark-up

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, February 5, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone**

Testimony

David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, MVP Healthcare

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

10:15 AM **S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone**

Mark-up

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:45 AM **S.42 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission**

Mark-up

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **S.42 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission**

Mark-up, committee discussion

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM **PCBs and Other Chemicals of Concern**

*Joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy
Meeting livestreamed here.*

Patricia Coppolino, Environmental Program Manager, DEC Waste Management Division
Sarah Vose, State Toxicologist, Department of Health

11:40 AM **S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone**

Mark-up, committee discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

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9:00 AM **COVID-19 Response**

Updates on new federal funding and policies

Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services
Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

9:45 AM **S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone**

Mark-up, testimony, committee discussion

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

10:30 AM **S.42 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission**

Vote

10:45 AM **Break**

11:00 AM **S.22 - An act relating to health care practitioners administering stem cell products not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

Walk-through, committee discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.48 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact**

Walk-through, committee discussion

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **S.24 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids**

Introduction, walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **Committee Discussion**

Friday, February 12, 2021

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.48 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact**

Testimony, committee discussion

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association

Meredith Roberts, Executive Director, American Nurses Association Vermont

Deb Snell, President, Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals,
President, AFT Vermont

Ellen Watson, Chair, Board of Nursing

10:00 AM **Break**

10:15 AM **S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone**

Audio-only telehealth provisions

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Lori Houghton, House Committee on Health Care

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

After the Floor **S.74 - An act relating to modifications to Vermont’s patient choice at end of life laws**

Introduction

Sen. Dick McCormack, Sponsor

10:15 AM **S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone**

Mark-up, committee discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **S.48 - An act relating to Vermont’s adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact**

Mark-up, committee discussion

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM

S.24 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids

Testimony

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Maria Davies, Parent, Stowe

L.E. Faricy, Pediatric Pulmonologist, Vermont Medical Society, American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont

Phillip Gardiner, Co-Chair, African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council

Prospero Gogo, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine

Delmonte Jefferson, Executive Director, Center for Black Health and Equity

Zoey Pickel, Youth Advocate, Washington County Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids

Mike Rollo, Government Relations Director, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Andrea Vilanti, Associate Professor, Vermont Center on Behavior and Health, University of Vermont

Tina Zuk, Government Relations Director, American Heart Association

11:15 AM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

After the Floor **Caucus of the Whole**

Update on the State's vaccination efforts

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H. - An act relating to health care services delivered by audio-only telephone**

Testimony

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

9:30 AM **Vermont Housing & Conservation Coalition**

Testimony

Chris Donnelly, Director of Community Relations, Champlain Housing Trust

Wendy Franklin, North Country Hospital

Kevin Loso, Executive Director, Rutland Housing Authority

Megan Marquissee, North Country Hospital

9:50 AM Vermont Association of Mental Health and Addiction Recovery

Testimony

Daniel Franklin, Executive Director, North Central Vermont Recovery Center

10:30 AM Election of a Sergeant at Arms, an Adjutant and Inspector General, and Trustees of the UVM and State Agricultural College

Joint Assembly

Friday, February 19, 2021

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9:00 AM S.22 - An act relating to health care practitioners administering stem cell products not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Testimony

Jill Abrams, Assistant Attorney General, Director, Consumer Protection Division,
Attorney General's Office

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Cindy Bruzzese, Executive Director & Clinical Ethicist, Vermont Ethics Network

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Daniel Weiss, Professor of Medicine, Professor of Cell and Molecular Biology,
University of Vermont

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:10 AM **S.22 - An act relating to health care practitioners administering stem cell products not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

Committee discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:50 AM **S.48 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact**

Testimony, mark-up, committee discussion

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rebecca Fotsch, Director of State Advocacy and Legislative Affairs, National Council of State Boards of Nursing

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

S.24 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids

Testimony

- Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
- Maria Davies, Parent, Stowe
- Moses Delane, Youth representative, Vermont Department of Health Substance Misuse and Prevention Advisory and Oversight Council
- Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health
- Shayne Lynn, Executive Director, Champlain Valley Dispensary, Inc.
- Richard Marianos, Assistant Director - Retired, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
- Zoey Pickel, Youth Advocate, Washington County Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids
- Erin Sigrist, President, Vermont Retail & Grocers Association

11:00 AM S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone

Testimony

- Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Teresa Fama, Rheumatologist, Central Vermont Medical Center
- Fay Holman, Family Physician, Vermont Medical Society, Vermont Academy of Family Physicians
- Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, America's Health Insurance Plans
- Joe Lasek, Associate Medical Director, Counseling Services of Addison County
- Dr. Kate McIntosh, Chief Medical Officer and Director of Quality, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont
- Lynn Stanley, Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Vermont Chapter

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone

Testimony, mark-up, committee discussion

- Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
 Catherine Fulton, Executive Director, Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, Inc. (VPQHC)
 Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems
 Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, MVP Healthcare
 Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont
 Hillary Wolfley, Associate Director, Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, Inc. (VPQHC)

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

2:00 PM **Results of the Votes for Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, Trustees of the UVM and State Agricultural College**

Joint Assembly

Friday, February 26, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.48 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact**

Committee discussion

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
 Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

9:30 AM **S.22 - An act relating to health care practitioners administering stem cell products not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

Committee discussion, vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone**

Testimony

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM **S.48 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact**

Committee discussion, vote

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM **Committee Discussion**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

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9:00 AM **H.315 - An act relating to COVID-19 relief**

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Brenda Gooley, Operations Director, Family Services Division, Department for Children

and Families

Rebeka Lawrence-Gomez, Assistant Director, Pathways Vermont

Hilary Melton, Executive Director, Pathways Vermont

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

Frank Reed, Director of Mental Health Services, Department of Mental Health

John Sayles, CEO, Vermont Foodbank

Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

Cheryle Wilcox, Interagency Planning Director, Interim Policy Director, Department of Mental Health

10:50 AM **Break**

11:00 AM **H.315 - An act relating to COVID-19 relief**

Committee discussion

11:30 AM **S.24 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids**

Committee discussion, mark-up

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Thursday, March 11, 2021

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8:00 AM **S.20 - An act relating to restrictions on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and other chemicals of concern in consumer products**

Testimony and committee discussion

Eileen Conneely, Senior Director, Chemical Products and Technology, American Chemistry Council

Bill Driscoll, Vice President, Associated Industries of Vermont

Jen Duggan, Vice President/Director, Conservation Law Foundation

Marcie Gallagher, Environmental Associate, Vermont Public Interest Research Group

Andrew Hackman, Lobbyist, Juvenile Product Manufacturers Association

Steven Hentges, Executive Director, Polycarbonate/BPA Global Group, American Chemical Council

Lauren Hierl, Executive Director, Vermont Conservation Voters

Mitch Hubert, Technical Director, Fire Fighting Foam Coalition, American Chemical

Council

Tom Mallen, Vice President for Compliance and Technology Packaging Coatings, The Sherwin-Williams Company

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Samuel Nicolai, VP Engineering and Compliance, Casella Waste Management

Bradley R. Reed, President, Professional Firefighters of Vermont

Erin Sigrist, President, Vermont Retail & Grocers Association

Shawn Swearingen, Director, Alliance for Telomer Chemistry Stewardship, American Chemical Council

Martin Wolf, Director, Product Sustainability & Authenticity, Seventh Generation

Friday, March 12, 2021

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- 9:00 AM** **S.24 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids**
Vote
Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 9:15 AM** **S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone**
Amendment discussion
Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 9:30 AM** **S.20 - An act relating to restrictions on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and other chemicals of concern in consumer products**
Mark-up, vote
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

11:00 AM **H.315 - An act relating to COVID-19 relief**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

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9:00 AM **Kurn Hattin School Update**

Joint meeting with Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Education

Jennifer Benedict, Director of Child Licensing and Financial Assistance, Department for Children and Families (DCF), Child Development Division
Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families
Kim Dougherty, Co-Founder, Partner, Justice Law Collaborative, LLC
Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education
Stephen Harrison, Executive Director, Kurn Hattin School
Jennifer Myka, General Counsel, Department for Children and Families
Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Kern Hattin School Update**

Committee discussion

9:45 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **Governor's Appointments**

Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

11:00 AM **Senate Floor**

Friday, March 19, 2021

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9:00 AM **Governor's Appointments**

Green Mountain Care Board Member

Jessica Holmes, Economics Professor, Middlebury College

9:30 AM **Governor's Appointments**

Commissioner of the Department for Children and Families

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

10:00 AM **Governor's Appointments**

Commissioner of the Department of Vermont Health Access

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

11:00 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Meeting Details

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9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

After the Floor **Bill Introductions**

Introductions, walk-throughs, and committee discussion on House bills

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Meeting Details

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9:00 AM **Committee Discussion**

9:30 AM **Governor's Appointments**

Commissioner of the Department of Health

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

10:00 AM **Governor's Appointments**

Secretary of the Agency of Human Services

Michael K. Smith, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

10:30 AM **Break**

10:45 AM **Hospital Financial Information Update and Overview**

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of
Hospitals and Health Systems

Lori Perry, Senior Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, Green Mountain Care Board

Thursday, March 25, 2021

Meeting Details

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9:00 AM All-Payer Accountable Care Organization Model

Overview and Update

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Alena Berube, Director of Value Based Programs & ACO Regulation, Green Mountain Care Board

10:30 AM Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates

Joint Assembly

11:30 AM American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Overview of federal funding and guidelines

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Friday, March 26, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.48 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact

Amendment proposal and discussion

Sen. Joshua Terenzini, Sponsor of Amendment

9:15 AM

S.91 - An act relating to the Parent Child Center Network

Introduction, Walk-through

Tyler Kirkpatrick, Vermont Law School Student Clinician, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Amy Shollenberger, Lobbyist, Vermont Afterschool and Parent Child Centers

10:00 AM Options for Regulating Provider Reimbursement

Green Mountain Care Board Report Presentation

Alena Berube, Director of Value Based Programs & ACO Regulation, Green Mountain Care Board

Sarah Kinsler, Health Care Project Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

After the Floor Governor's Appointments

Vote

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.104 - An act relating to considerations in facilitating the interstate practice of health care professionals using telehealth

Introduction, walk-through, testimony

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society
Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office
Mitul Patel, VLS Student Clinician, Office of Legislative Counsel
Rep. Arthur Peterson, Reporter, House Committee on Health Care

10:00 AM H.430 - An act relating to eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur-like coverage for all income-eligible children and pregnant individuals regardless of immigration status.

Introduction, walk-through, testimony

Rep. Alyssa Black, Reporter, House Committee on Health Care
Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid
Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)
Nissa James, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

11:00 AM H.153 - An act relating to Medicaid reimbursement rates for home- and community-based service providers

Introduction, walk-through, testimony

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)
Nissa James, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont
Rep. Theresa Wood, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.46 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions of mental health law

Introduction, walk-through, testimony

Rep. Anne B. Donahue, Reporter, House Committee on Health Care

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- 9:45 AM** **Break**

- 10:00 AM** **H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system**

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity and Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equality, Agency of Administration
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Rep. William J. Lippert, Reporter, House Committee on Health Care
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- 11:00 AM** **Options for Regulating Provider Reimbursement**

Green Mountain Care Board Presentation

Alena Berube, Director of Value Based Programs & ACO Regulation, Green Mountain Care Board
Sarah Kinsler, Health Care Project Director, Green Mountain Care Board
Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

- 1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

- 2:00 PM** **Results of the Votes for Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates**

Joint Assembly

Friday, April 2, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **H.171 - An act relating to the governance and financing of Vermont's child care system**

Introduction, walk-through, testimony

Rep. Jessica Brumsted, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services
Morgan Crossman, Executive Director, Building Bright Futures
Sarah Kenney, Chief Policy Officer, Let's Grow Kids
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Aly Richards, Chief Executive Officer, Let's Grow Kids

Beth Truzansky, Deputy Director, Building Bright Futures

10:20 AM **H.439 - An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government**

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:20 AM **Committee Discussion**

11:00 AM **Middlesex Secure Residential Recovery Facility**

Updates from the Department of Mental Health

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Kevin Huckshorn, Consultant, Behavioral Health Consulting

Janice Lebel, Consultant, Behavioral Health Consulting

Alisson Richards, Executive Medical Director, Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital

Sarah Squirrel, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:45 AM **Ongoing Needs within the Primary Care Community**

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Ashley Miller, Pediatrician, South Royalton
Judy Orton, Pediatrician, Bennington
Hannah Rabin, Richmond Family Medicine
Susan Ridzon, Executive Director, Health First

10:00 AM Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Briefing

*Joint Meeting with the House Committee on Human Services
Meeting livestreamed here.*

LaDonna Pavetti, Vice President, Family Income Support, Center on Budget and Policy
Priorities
Shannon Saul, Research Analyst, Children and Families Program, National Conference
of State Legislatures (NCSL)
Margaret Wile, Policy Director, Health and Human Services, National Conference of
State Legislatures (NCSL)

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.171 - An act relating to the governance and financing of Vermont's child care system

Testimony

Elizabeth Brown, Director, Rutland County Head Start
Deb Gass, Executive Director, Early Educational Services of Brattleboro
Steve Geller, Executive Director, Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)
Linda January, Executive Director, Otter Creek Child Center
Sarah Kenney, Chief Policy Officer, Let's Grow Kids
Sue Minter, Executive Director, Capstone Community Action
Christy Swenson, Headstart Director, Capstone Community Action Council

10:00 AM Health Care Implementation Improvement Plan

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

11:00 AM Options for Regulating Provider Reimbursement

Report from the Green Mountain Care Board

Alena Berube, Director of Value Based Programs & ACO Regulation, Green Mountain

Care Board

Sarah Kinsler, Health Care Project Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

Friday, April 9, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.132 - An act relating to health care reform implementation

Walk-through, testimony

Emily Brown, Director of Rates and Forms, Department of Financial Regulation

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial Regulation

10:15 AM S.120 - An act relating to the Joint Legislative Health Care Affordability Study Committee

Walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM Primary Care Costs and Spending

Alena Berube, Director of Value Based Programs & ACO Regulation, Green Mountain Care Board

Sarah Kinsler, Health Care Project Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

After the Floor **Committee Discussion**
Budget and funding requests

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.120 - An act relating to the Joint Legislative Health Care Affordability Study Committee**

Testimony

Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Grace Beninson, Vermont Worker's Center

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Patrick Flood, Citizen, Woodbury

Debbie Ingram, Executive Director, Vermont Interfaith Action

Edward Paquin, Disabilities Rights Vermont

Deborah Richter MD, President, Vermont Health Care for All

10:00 AM **S.132 - An act relating to health care reform implementation**

Testimony

Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Patrick Flood, Citizen, Woodbury

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Mark Hage, Director of Member Benefits, VTNEA

Nissa James, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Jessica Morrison, Vermont Worker's Center

Edward Paquin, Disabilities Rights Vermont

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.171 - An act relating to the governance and financing of Vermont's child care system

Testimony, mark-up, discussion

Dimitri Garder, CEO, Global-Z

Jordan Giaconia, Public Policy Director, Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility

Miranda Gray, Interim Deputy Commissioner, Child Development Division, Department for Children and Families

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Morgan Nichols, State Director, Main Street Alliance of Vermont

Sonja Raymond, Executive Director, Vermont Association for the Education for Young Children

Melissa Riegel-Garrett, Child Development Division Policy Director, Agency of Human Services

Sarah Truckle, Financial Director, Department for Children and Families

11:15 AM S.132 - An act relating to health care reform implementation

Testimony

Ruby Baker, Executive Director, Community of Vermont Elders (COVE)

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Alena Berube, Director of Health Systems Policy, Green Mountain Care Board

Kate Logan, Director of Programming and Policy, Rights and Democracy

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

Friday, April 16, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM State Oversight of Residential Treatment Programs

Joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Jennifer Benedict, Director of Child Licensing and Financial Assistance, Department for

Children and Families (DCF), Child Development Division
Col. Matthew Birmingham, Director, Vermont State Police
Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families
James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Jennifer Myka, General Counsel, Department for Children and Families

10:00 AM Youth Mental Health Update

Danielle Lindley, Director, Child and Youth Services, Northwest Counseling and Support Services
Laurel Omland, Director, Child, Adolescent, and Family Unit, Vermont Department of Mental Health
David Rettew, Medical Director, Children and Family Division, Department of Mental Health
Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

10:30 AM H.46 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions of mental health law

Testimony from the Department of Mental Health

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health
A.J. Ruben, Supervising Attorney, Disability Rights Vermont
Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

- **H.104 - An act relating to considerations in facilitating the interstate practice of health care professionals using telehealth**

Testimony from the Department of Mental Health

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

11:00 AM H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system

Testimony

Marissa Coleman, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Senior Advisor, University of Vermont Medical Center

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:25 AM **H.171 - An act relating to the governance and financing of Vermont's child care system**
Mark-up

11:00 AM **H.439 - An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government**
Budget recommendation discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM **H.171 - An act relating to the governance and financing of Vermont's child care system**
Discussion, possible vote

8:50 AM **H.439 - An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government**
Budget recommendation committee discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:00 AM **S.120 - An act relating to the Joint Legislative Health Care Affordability Study Committee**

Testimony

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Michael Costa, CEO, North Counties Health Care, Inc.

Michele Denault, MSW Candidate, University of Vermont

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Betty Keller, President, Vermont League of Women Voters
Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association
Victoria Loner, Chief Executive Officer, OneCare Vermont
Marvin Malek, Member, Vermont Physicians for a National Health Program
Susan Ridzon, Executive Director, Health First
Heather Riemer, Director, American Federation of Teachers VT
Lynn Stanley, Interim Director, National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Vermont Chapter

10:30 AM **Break**

10:45 AM **S.120 - An act relating to the Joint Legislative Health Care Affordability Study Committee**

Mark-up

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

11:20 AM **H.430 - An act relating to eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur-like coverage for all income-eligible children and pregnant individuals regardless of immigration status.**

Mark-up, discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:45 AM **H.439 - An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government**

Budget recommendation committee discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system**

Testimony and mark-up

Wichie Artu, Vice President, NAACP - Windham County

Max Barrows, Outreach Director, Green Mountain Self Advocates

Joanne Crawford, Member, Abenaki Nation

Catherine Fulton, Executive Director, Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, Inc.
(VPQHC)

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Kiah Morris, Movement Politics Director, Rights and Democracy Vermont

Kirsten Murphy, Executive Director, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Hillary Wolfley, Associate Director, Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, Inc.
(VPQHC)

11:00 AM H.46 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions of mental health law

Mark-up, discussion

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM H.430 - An act relating to eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur-like coverage for all income-eligible children and pregnant individuals regardless of immigration status.

Mark-up, discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:45 AM S.120 - An act relating to the Joint Legislative Health Care Affordability Study Committee

Mark-up, testimony, discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, MVP Healthcare

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

Friday, April 23, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM H.104 - An act relating to considerations in facilitating the interstate practice of health care professionals using telehealth

Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

8:45 AM S.120 - An act relating to the Joint Legislative Health Care Affordability Study Committee

Discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:45 AM H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system

Discussion, vote

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM H.46 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions of mental health law

Vote

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:15 AM H.430 - An act relating to eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur-like coverage for all income-eligible children and pregnant individuals regardless of immigration status.

Mark-up, vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:45 AM S.120 - An act relating to the Joint Legislative Health Care Affordability Study Committee

Discussion, vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **Gubernatorial Appointments**

*Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs
Committee Discussion*

10:30 AM **S. - An act relating to the Task Force on Affordable, Accessible Health Care and other health care provisions**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems
Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association
Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:45 AM **S.120 - An act relating to the Joint Legislative Health Care Affordability Study Committee**

Discussion, vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems
Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association
Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

Thursday, April 29, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM H.225 - An act relating to possession of a therapeutic dosage of buprenorphine

*Joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Judiciary
Meeting livestreamed here.*

- Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Sarah George, State's Attorney, Chittenden County
- Erica Marthage, State's Attorney, Bennington County
- David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office
- Michael E. Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
- Dennis Wygmans, State's Attorney, Addison County State's Attorney's Office

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM H.225 - An act relating to possession of a therapeutic dosage of buprenorphine

*Joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Judiciary
Meeting livestreamed here.*

- Brady Heward, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, UVM Medical Center
- Jess Kirby, Syringe Exchange Employee, Howard Center Safe Recovery
- Julea Larson, Supervisor of Recovery Support Services, Turning Point Center, Bennington
- Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health
- Brenda Siegel, Self-Advocate, Newfane

11:30 AM Adjourn

Friday, April 30, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM S.42 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission

Review of House language

- Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:15 AM Committee Discussion

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- No Committee Meeting Scheduled

10:00 AM Senate Floor

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.225 - An act relating to possession of a therapeutic dosage of buprenorphine

Committee discussion

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM Senate Floor

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- No Committee Meeting Scheduled

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

Friday, May 7, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.20 - An act relating to restrictions on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and other chemicals of concern in consumer products**

Review of proposed House amendment

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.20 - An act relating to restrictions on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and other chemicals of concern in consumer products**

Review of proposed House amendment

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Department of Health

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Dane Whitman, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.171 - An act relating to the governance and financing of Vermont's child care system**

Review of proposed House amendment

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

Friday, May 14, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- **TBD**

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

Monday, May 17, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

12:00 PM **JRH6 - Joint resolution relating to racism as a public health emergency**

Maria Mercedes Avila, Member, Governor's Task Force on Racial Equity
Sen. Randy Brock, Franklin District

Joanne Crawford, Member, Abenaki Nation

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Taylor Small, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services

Bor Yang, Executive Director, Vermont Human Rights Commission

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

3:30 PM **JRH6 - Joint resolution relating to racism as a public health emergency**

Committee discussion, vote

- **S.48 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact**

Review of proposed House amendments

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.3 - An act relating to competency to stand trial and insanity as a defense

Meeting Livestreamed here.

Joint Meeting with Senate Committee on Health and Welfare

House Proposal of Amendment on Sec 6

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Friday, May 21, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM FLOOR

10 Minutes after Committee Discussion

Floor *Introductions, process, reports, bills, schedule*

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Act 6**

Joint meeting with House Committee on Health Care. Review of expiring provisions.

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

- **Report of Facilitation of Interstate Practice Using Telehealth Working Group**

Joint meeting with House Committee on Health Care, cont.

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Rebecca Copans, Government and Media Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of
Hospitals and Health Systems

David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Meredith Roberts, Executive Director, American Nurses Association Vermont

12:00 PM **DCF Plan for Placement of Youths**

*Joint meeting with Senate Committee on Judiciary and Senate Committee on Institutions
Meeting will be livestreamed here <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-judiciary>*

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Aryka Radke, Deputy Commissioner, Family Services Division, Department for Children
and Families

1:00 PM **FLOOR**

2:00 PM **Governor's State of the State Address**

Joint Assembly

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.91 - An act relating to the Parent Child Center Network

Bill introduction by sponsor, walk-through by counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Richard Westman, Sponsor

- **S.69 - An act relating to suicide prevention initiatives**

Bill introduction by sponsor, walk-through by counsel

Sen. Joe Benning, Sponsor

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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Sen. Dick McCormack, Sponsor

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Daniel Noyes, Sponsor

Rep. Theresa Wood, Sponsor

10:15 AM "The Boy and the Bat"

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

1:00 PM FLOOR

Friday, January 7, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM "The Boy and the Bat"

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:05 AM Child Care Financing

Michael Blanchard, Director of IT, Department for Children and Families
Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families
Miranda Gray, Deputy Commissioner, Child Development Division, Department for Children and Families
Katarina Lisaius, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

10:15 AM Review of Reports Due to Committee

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **Committee Discussion**

11:30 AM FLOOR

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM FLOOR

10 Minutes after Floor H.265 - An act relating to the Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate

Introduction by sponsors, walk-through by counsel and joint fiscal

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Rep. Daniel Noyes, Sponsor
Rep. Kelly Pajala, Sponsor

- **Child Protection Oversight Report**

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.74 - An act relating to modifications to Vermont's patient choice at end of life laws

Diana Barnard, Associate Professor of Family Medicine, UVMHN Porter Medical Center
Kim Callinan, Compassion & Choices
Charity Clark, Chief of Staff, Attorney General's Office
David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Department of Health
Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont
Betsy Walkerman, Patient Choices Vermont

10:00 AM S.91 - An act relating to the Parent Child Center Network

Donna Bailey, Director, Addison County Parent Child Center
Miranda Gray, Deputy Commissioner, Child Development Division, Department for Children and Families
Margot Holmes, Executive Director, Springfield Area Parent Child Center
Amy Shollenberger, Lobbyist, Action Circles

11:00 AM Covid Issues

Sen. Becca Balint, President Pro Tempore of the Senate
Timothy Lahey, Infectious Disease Expert, UVM Medical Center

1:00 PM FLOOR

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Act 6

Joint meeting with the House Committee on Health Care. Discussion of extension of

provisions of Act 6.

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

- **Act 21 and Telehealth**

Joint meeting with the House Committee on Health Care cont.

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Rebecca Copans, Government and Media Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

1:00 PM FLOOR

Friday, January 14, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.74 - An act relating to modifications to Vermont's patient choice at end of life laws

Mary Beerworth, Executive Director, Vermont Right to Life

9:10 AM S. - An act relating to a statewide mask requirement

Proposal, discussion and mark-up

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM S. - An act relating to a statewide mask requirement

Patsy Kelso, State Epidemiologist for Environmental Health, Department of Health

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

- **Committee Discussion**

11:30 AM FLOOR

After Floor S. - An act relating to a statewide mask requirement

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM FLOOR

10 Minutes after Floor S. - An act relating to a statewide mask requirement
Discussion and mark-up

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **S.74 - An act relating to modifications to Vermont's patient choice at end of life laws**

Discussion and mark-up

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

1:00 PM Governor's FY2023 Budget Address

Joint Assembly

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Accessible Affordable Health Care Taskforce Report

Joint meeting with the House Committee on Health Care.

Tim Hill, Senior Vice President, American Institutes for Research

Joshua Slen, President, Health System Transformation

Beth Waldman, Senior Consultant, Bailit Health

10:30 AM S.74 - An act relating to modifications to Vermont's patient choice at end of life laws

Final discussion, possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **S.90 - An act relating to establishing an amyotrophic lateral sclerosis registry**

Introduction by sponsor, walk-through by counsel

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor

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Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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1:00 PM FLOOR

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.91 - An act relating to the Parent Child Center Network

Discussion and mark-up

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **S.206 - An act relating to planning and support for individuals and families impacted by Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders**

Introduction by sponsor, walk-through by counsel

Sen. Randy Brock, Sponsor

Sen. Cheryl Hooker, Sponsor

Sen. Cheryl Hooker, Sponsor

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

1:00 PM FLOOR

Friday, January 21, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Accessible Affordable Health Care Taskforce Report

Tim Hill, Vice President- Health, American Institutes for Research

Joshua Slen, President, Health System Transformation

Beth Waldman, Senior Consultant, Bailit Health

11:00 AM Committee Discussion

11:30 AM FLOOR

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM FLOOR

10:00 AM S.90 - An act relating to establishing an amyotrophic lateral sclerosis registry

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

10:30 AM Budget Adjustment

Overview of Health and Human Services related issues

Sarah Clark, Deputy Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Community Mental Health Needs**

- **S.197 - An act relating to the provision of mental health supports**

Lynn Cota, Superintendent, Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union
Sera Davidow, Executive Director, Wildflower Alliance (Mass.)
Mourning Fox, Director of Mental Health Programs, Department of Public Safety
Mourning Fox, Director of Mental Health Programs, Department of Public Safety
Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems
Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems
Emily Hawes, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health
Emily Hawes, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health
Alison Krompf, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health
Alison Krompf, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health
Linda Limoges, Guest, Alyssum Peer Respite
Hilary Melton, Executive Director, Pathways Vermont
Ashley Miller, Pediatrician, South Royalton
Kenneth Russell, Executive Director, Another Way Inc.
Gloria van den Berg, Executive Director, Alyssum, Inc
Wilda White, Founder, MadFreedom
Stephanie Winters, Deputy Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society
Stephanie Winters, Deputy Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

10:15 AM **S.194 - An act relating to peer-operated respite centers**

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

Walk-through, possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **Opportunities for Evolution of Vermont's Healthcare Regulatory System**

Donna Kinzer, Consultant, DK Healthcare Consulting

10:30 AM **"The Boy and the Bat"**

Cont. discussion

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

Friday, January 28, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.91 - An act relating to the Parent Child Center Network**

Miranda Gray, Interim Deputy Commissioner, Child Development Division, Department for Children and Families

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **S.239 - An act relating to enrollment in Medicare supplemental insurance policies**

Introduction by sponsor, walk-through by counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Cheryl Hooker, Sponsor

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM FLOOR

10:15 AM S.91 - An act relating to the Parent Child Center Network

Testimony, possible mark-up

Amy Johnson, PCC Director, Parent Child Center Network
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Amy Shollenberger, Lobbyist, Action Circles

- **S.19 - An act relating to a climate change response plan and regional planning commission involvement in identifying health care-related needs**

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Department of Health
Jane Lazorchak, Director of Global Warming Solutions Act, Agency of Natural Resources

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.206 - An act relating to planning and support for individuals and families impacted by Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society
Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems
Eryn McElhane Smith, Caregiver
Meg Polyte, Policy Director, Alzheimer's Association, Vermont Chapter
Lisa Pratt
Caroline Segal, Alzheimer's Advocate
Pamela Smith, Advocate, Younger Onset Alzheimer's

Angela Smith-Dieng, Adult Services Director, Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living

10:30 AM S.194 - An act relating to peer-operated respite centers

- **S.195 - An act relating to the certification of mental health peer support specialists**
 - Kristin Chandler, Training Coordinator, Team Two
 - Zachary Hughes, Facilitator of Peer Services, Washington County Mental Health Services
 - Alison Krompf, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health
 - Karen Kurrle, Director of Intensive Care Services, Washington County Mental Health Services
 - Tina Manning, Coordinator of Peer Supports, Washington County Mental Health Services
 - Haley McGowan, Child Psychiatrist, UVMHC
 - Laurel Omland, Director, Child, Adolescent, and Family Unit, Vermont Department of Mental Health
 - Dan Towle, Peer Support Staff Member, State Program Standing Committee

11:50 AM Mental Health Advocacy Day

Christie Everett, Director, Access and Acute Care Services, Clara Martin Center

1:00 PM FLOOR

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services

Testimony, possible mark-up

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services
Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
John Saroyan, Executive Director, Blueprint for Health, Department of Vermont Health Access
Joshua Slen, President, Health System Transformation

Angela Smith-Dieng, Adult Services Director, Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living

10:30 AM **S.243 - An act relating to implementation of an unused prescription drug repository program**

Introduction by sponsor, walk-through by counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor, Chittenden County
Tommi Mandell, VLS Student Clinician

- **Committee Discussion**

1:00 PM **FLOOR**

Friday, February 4, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.91 - An act relating to the Parent Child Center Network**

Walk-through by counsel, possible vote

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **S.198 - An act relating to the Diaper Need Working Group**

Introduction by sponsor, walk-through by counsel

Mike Fisher, Vermont Health Care Advocate
Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor, Chittenden County
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Rosa Reyes, VLS Student Clinician

11:30 AM **FLOOR**

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **FLOOR**

10 Minutes after Floor **S.206 - An act relating to planning and support for individuals and families impacted by Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders**

Testimony, possible mark-up

Sean Londergan, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Vermont Legal Aid
Rhonda Williams, Chronic Disease Prevention Chief, Department of Health

- **S.198 - An act relating to the Diaper Need Working Group**

Charity Clark, Chief of Staff, Attorney General's Office
Amanda Herzberger, Committee Chair, Junior League of Champlain Valley Diaper Bank

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.654 - An act relating to extending COVID-19 health care regulatory flexibility**

Introduction by Reporter, walk-through by counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Rep. Lori Houghton, Reporter, House Committee on Health Care

- **S.243 - An act relating to implementation of an unused prescription drug repository program**

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society
David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Department of Health
Sarah Kessler, Senior Telehealth Program Strategist, UVMHC
Tommi Mandell, VLS Student Clinician
Katie Marvin, President, Vermont Academy Family Practice
Mary Kate Mohlman, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

Charles Storrow, Partner, Leonine Public Affairs, LLP

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

1:00 PM FLOOR

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Green Mountain Care Board Sustainability Report

Joint meeting with the House Committee on Health Care. Meeting will be livestreamed here <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-health-care>

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Alena Berube, Director of Health Systems Policy, Green Mountain Care Board

Jessica Holmes, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

10:30 AM S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Jill Olson, Executive Director, VNA's of Vermont

Julie Parker, Assistant Director, Blueprint for Health, Department of Vermont Health Access

John Saroyan, Executive Director, Blueprint for Health, Department of Vermont Health Access

Joshua Slen, President, Health System Transformation

Laura Wreschnig, Data Analytics and Information Administrator, Blueprint for Health, Department of Vermont Health Access

1:00 PM FLOOR

Friday, February 11, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.197 - An act relating to the provision of mental health supports

Sunny Naughton, Founder and CEO, Sunshine Silver Lining, LLC

- **S.198 - An act relating to the Diaper Need Working Group**

Laurie Emerson, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Vermont

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

John Sayles, CEO, Vermont Foodbank

Sandi Yandow, Executive Director, Vermont Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

10:00 AM S.194 - An act relating to peer-operated respite centers

11:30 AM FLOOR

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM FLOOR

10 Minutes after Floor Price Variation in the State Health Plan

Fran Hodgkin, Government Research Analyst, Office of the Vermont State Auditor

Doug Hoffer, State Auditor, State Auditor's Office

- **Break**

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.654 - An act relating to extending COVID-19 health care regulatory flexibility**

Testimony and mark-up

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mike Fisher, Vermont Health Care Advocate

Jeff Hochberg, President, Vermont Retail Druggists

Nissa James, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont Health Access

10:20 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **S.90 - An act relating to establishing an amyotrophic lateral sclerosis registry**

Paul Mehta, Principal Investigator, CDC

Anne O'Brien, Wellness Nurse, Cathedral Square

Elijah Stommel, Neurologist, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center

Rup Tandan, Neurologist, UVMHC

Sarah Vose, State Toxicologist, Department of Health

1:00 PM **FLOOR**

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Health Equity Report

Joint meeting with the House Committee on Health Care

Andrea Brett, Chair, Racial Equity Advisory Panel

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity and Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equality, Agency of Administration

Mark Hughes, Member, Health Equity Advisory Commission

10:00 AM S.195 - An act relating to the certification of mental health peer support specialists

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

10:30 AM Election of Legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation

Joint Assembly

Friday, February 18, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.206 - An act relating to planning and support for individuals and families impacted by Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders

Mark-up, possible vote

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- S.194 - An act relating to peer-operated respite centers

Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Shayla Livingston, Policy Director, Agency of Human Services

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wilda White, Founder, Mad Freedom

10:55 AM Break

11:10 AM Youth Tobacco Program

Our Voices Xposed

Madison Ashford, Student
Aliyah Elliott, Student
Becca McKelvey, Student
Dawn Poitras, Student Advisor

11:30 AM FLOOR

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM FLOOR

10 Minutes after Floor **H.654 - An act relating to extending COVID-19 health care regulatory flexibility**
Mark-up and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **S.194 - An act relating to peer-operated respite centers**

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Holly Morehouse, Executive Director, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.72 - An act relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

Patricia Casanova, VT Deputy Compact Administrator ICPC/ICJ, Human Trafficking Consultant, Department for Children and Families

Aryka Radke, Deputy Commissioner, Family Services Division, Department for Children and Families

9:00 AM S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services

Mark-up

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Joshua Slen, President, Health System Transformation

9:50 AM Break

10:00 AM Committee Discussion

10:20 AM Break

11:15 AM S.206 - An act relating to planning and support for individuals and families impacted by Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders

Possible vote

- **Review of Letters Regarding Diaper Bank**

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Department of Health

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rosa Reyes, VLS Student Clinician

1:00 PM FLOOR

Thursday, February 24, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.239 - An act relating to enrollment in Medicare supplemental insurance policies

Ruby Baker, Executive Director, Community of Vermont Elders (COVE)

Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation

Meg Burmeister, Exective Director, Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging

Mike Fisher, Vermont Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Hrant Jamgochian, Chief Executive Officer, Dialysis Patient Citizens

9:50 AM **Break**

10:00 AM **S.204 - An act relating to licensure of freestanding birth centers**

Walk-through and testimony

Michael Barber, General Counsel, Green Mountain Care Board

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Timothy Fisher, Medical Director, Northern New England Perinatal Quality Improvement Network

Laurie Foster, Legislative liaison and Vice President, American College Nurse Midwives Vermont Affiliate

Elina Koumjian, American College Nurse Midwives Vermont Affiliate

Lindsay Lachant, Nurse-Midwife

Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

Kat McGraw, Chief Medical Officer, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association & VAHHS

Michelle Wade, President, Vermont Association of Nurse Practitioners

1:00 PM **FLOOR**

Friday, February 25, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM **S.90 - An act relating to establishing an amyotrophic lateral sclerosis registry**

Possible vote

9:00 AM **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

Mark-up and testimony

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services
Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Mike Fisher, Vermont Health Care Advocate
Jessica Holmes, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board
Sarah Lindberg, Health Services Researcher, Green Mountain Care Board
Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board
Jill Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

10:20 AM Break

- **S.243 - An act relating to implementation of an unused prescription drug repository program**

Mark-up

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Department of Health
Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor, Chittenden County
Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor, Chittenden County
Lance Metayer, Team Leader, School-Based Clinical Services, Northwestern
Counseling and Support Services
Anne Paradiso, Director of School Programs, Howard Center

11:30 AM FLOOR

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.72 - An act relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

Walk-through by counsel

Patricia Casanova, VT Deputy Compact Administrator ICPC/ICJ, Human Trafficking
Consultant, Department for Children and Families
Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM S.204 - An act relating to licensure of freestanding birth centers

Mark-up and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM Break

11:15 AM S.90 - An act relating to establishing an amyotrophic lateral sclerosis registry

Mark-up, testimony, and possible vote

Karin Hammer-Williamson, Care Services Coordinator- Vermont, The ALS Association
Northern New England Chapter

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.72 - An act relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

Testimony and possible vote

Patricia Casanova, VT Deputy Compact Administrator ICPC/ICJ, Human Trafficking
Consultant, Department for Children and Families

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

8:55 AM Break

9:00 AM S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services

Mark-up, testimony, and possible vote

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rebecca Copans, Government and Media Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont

Patrick Flood, Citizen, Woodbury, VT

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of
Hospitals and Health Systems

Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

Mary Kate Mohlman, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

10:45 AM **Break**

10:50 AM **S.195 - An act relating to the certification of mental health peer support specialists**

- **S.197 - An act relating to the provision of mental health supports**

Mark-up, testimony, and possible vote on mental health bills

Heather Bouchey, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Education

Emily Hawes, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Laurel Omland, Director, Child, Adolescent, and Family Unit, Vermont Department of
Mental Health

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM **Committee Discussion**

Discussion of bills, possible votes on various bills

8:50 AM **Break**

9:00 AM **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

Mark-up and possible vote

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mike Fisher, Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Shayla Livingston, Policy Director, Agency of Human Services

Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

11:05 AM **Break**

- **S.239 - An act relating to enrollment in Medicare supplemental insurance policies**

Mark-up and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mike Fisher, Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

1:00 PM **FLOOR**

Friday, March 11, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

Mark-up and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mike Fisher, Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

9:30 AM **S.197 - An act relating to the provision of mental health supports**

Mark-up and possible vote

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **S.90 - An act relating to establishing an amyotrophic lateral sclerosis registry**

Mark-up and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:10 AM **Break**

11:00 AM FLOOR

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM H.265 - An act relating to the Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate

Introduction by Reporter and Sponsors, walk-through by counsel and joint fiscal

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Daniel Noyes, Reporter and Sponsor, House Committee On Human Services

Rep. Kelly Pajala, Sponsor

11:00 AM Break

11:15 AM H.153 - An act relating to Medicaid reimbursement rates for home- and community-based service providers

Introduction by Reporter and Sponsors, walk-through by counsel and joint fiscal

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Rep. Daniel Noyes, Sponsor

Rep. Theresa Wood, Reporter and Sponsor, House Committee On Human Services

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.265 - An act relating to the Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity, Agency of Administration

Mike Fisher, Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Jennifer Myka, General Counsel, Department for Children and Families

Moira O'Neill, Director, State of New Hampshire Office of the Child Advocate

Aryka Radke, Deputy Commissioner, Family Services Division, Department for Children and Families

10:45 AM **Break**

10:55 AM **H.655 - An act relating to telehealth licensure and registration and to provisional licensure for professions regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

Walk-through by counsel and joint fiscal, and testimony

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Confirmation Hearing**

Monica White, Interim Commissioner, Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living

10:00 AM **FLOOR**

Friday, March 18, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management

Overview of pharmacy benefit managers by counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **Committee Discussion**

10:00 AM **FLOOR**

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **FLOOR**

10 Minutes after **S.204 - An act relating to licensure of freestanding birth centers**
Floor

Possible committee amendment

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Ruth Hardy, Senate Committee on Health and Welfare

- **H.720 - An act relating to the system of care for individuals with developmental disabilities**

Introduction by Reporters, walk-through by counsel

Rep. Francis McFaun, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Theresa Wood, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.265 - An act relating to the Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Mark Redmond, Executive Director, Spectrum Youth and Family Services
Amy Rose, Policy Associate, Voices for Vermont's Children

10:05 AM Break

10:30 AM H.153 - An act relating to Medicaid reimbursement rates for home- and community-based service providers

Alicia Cooper, Director of Managed Care Operations, Department of Vermont Health Access
Angela Smith Dieng, Director, Adult Services, Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living
Molly Dugan, Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Cathedral Square
Pat Jones, Deputy Director, Payment Reform
Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont
Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners: VT Council
Wendy Trafton, Deputy Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

11:30 AM S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services

Review of Senate Appropriations Amendment

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

1:00 PM FLOOR

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.720 - An act relating to the system of care for individuals with developmental disabilities

Jennifer Garabedian, Director, Developmental Disabilities Services Division, Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living
Elise Haydon, Executive Director, The Yellow House
Ellen Jewett, Member, Developmental Disabilities Housing Initiative

Shayla Livingston, Policy Director, Agency of Human Services

Kirsten Murphy, Executive Director, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Andrea Murray, Co-Founder, The Yellow House

Monica White, Commissioner, Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living

10:30 AM **Retention of Superior Court Judges**

Joint Assembly

1:00 PM **FLOOR**

Friday, March 25, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Confirmations**

Committee Discussion

9:20 AM **Break**

9:30 AM **H.266 - An act relating to health insurance coverage for hearing aids**

Introduction by Reporter, walk-through by counsel, testimony

For closed-captioning please follow this link <https://www.captionedtext.com/client/event.aspx?EventID=5068709&Customer>

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Leslie Goldman, Reporter, House Committee on Health Care

- **Committee Discussion**

11:30 AM **FLOOR**

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM FLOOR

11:30 AM S.204 - An act relating to licensure of freestanding birth centers

Review of possible amendment

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Laurie Foster, Legislative liaison and Vice President, American College Nurse Midwives Vermont Affiliate

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Focus Group with UVM Medical Students

Sarah Caffry, MD Candidate, University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine

10:00 AM Break

10:15 AM H.655 - An act relating to telehealth licensure and registration and to provisional licensure for professions regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation

Mark-up and possible vote

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rebecca Copans, Government and Media Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

- **Break**

11:15 AM H.266 - An act relating to health insurance coverage for hearing aids

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Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation
Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation
Nissa James, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)
Julie Porter, Audiologist, University of Vermont Medical Center
Adaline Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

1:00 PM FLOOR

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM State of Vermont Health Services Wait Times Report

Joint meeting with the House Committee on Health Care

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services
Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board
Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation
Isaac Dayno, Special Assistant to the Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation
Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM H.265 - An act relating to the Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate

Linda Johnson, Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse Vermont
Jennifer Myka, General Counsel, Department for Children and Families
Aryka Radke, Deputy Commissioner, Family Services Division, Department for Children and Families
Beth Sausville, Director, Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), Department for Children and Families

12:30 PM FLOOR

Friday, April 1, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.728 - An act relating to opioid overdose response services

Introduction by Reporters, walk-through by counsel and joint fiscal

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Taylor Small, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services

Rep. Dane Whitman, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services

- **H.711 - An act relating to the creation of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee and the Opioid Abatement Special Fund**

Introduction by Reporter, walk-through by counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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Rep. Rey Garofano, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor

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Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:25 AM Break

11:30 AM FLOOR

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM FLOOR

10 Minutes after Floor **S.243 - An act relating to implementation of an unused prescription drug repository program**

Review of letter to the Department of Health with legislative counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Tommi Mandell, VLS Student Clinician, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM H.266 - An act relating to health insurance coverage for hearing aids

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Ruby Baker, Executive Director, Community of Vermont Elders (COVE)
Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Rebecca Chalmers, Steering Committee Member, Hearing Loss Association of America
— Vermont Chapter
Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management

Lauren Bode, Executive Director, Vermont Pharmacists Association (VPA)
Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Corey Duteau, Pharmacy Manager, Freedom Pharmacy
Jeff Hochberg, President, Vermont Retail Druggists
Nancy Hogue, Pharmacy Director, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont
Steven Larrabee, Senior Director, State Government Affairs, CVS Health
Charles Storrow, Leonine Public Affairs, MVP Healthcare
Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

10:55 AM **Break**

11:00 AM **S.69 - An act relating to suicide prevention initiatives**

Alison Krompf, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Terri Lavelly, Field Advocate, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Vermont Chapter

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **H.153 - An act relating to Medicaid reimbursement rates for home- and community-based service providers**

Mark-up and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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Thursday, April 7, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **FY23 House Budget Highlights**

Sarah Clark, Deputy Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

- **Overview of Bill Appropriations**

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

10:00 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **H.464 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to the Reach Up Program**

Introduction by Reporter, walk-through by counsel and joint fiscal

Rep. Jessica Brumsted, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Taylor Small, House Committee On Human Services

1:00 PM FLOOR

Friday, April 8, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.287 - An act relating to patient financial assistance policies and medical debt protection

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mike Fisher, Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

9:30 AM H.153 - An act relating to Medicaid reimbursement rates for home- and community-based service providers

Mark-up and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

- **H.266 - An act relating to health insurance coverage for hearing aids**

Mark-up and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM H.720 - An act relating to the system of care for individuals with developmental disabilities

Julie Cunningham, Executive Director, Families First

Elizabeth Sightler, Executive Director, Champlain Community Services

Susan Yuan, Parent

11:30 AM FLOOR

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM FLOOR

10 Minutes after Floor **Senate Health and Welfare Budget Priorities**

Committee Discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

- **Prevention**

Monica Caserta Hutt, Chief Prevention Officer, Office of Governor

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Vermont Child Care and Early Childhood Education Systems Analysis: Governance Approach Options

Joint meeting with House Committee on Human Services. Meeting will be livestreamed here <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-human-services>

Morgan Crossman, Executive Director, Building Bright Futures

Nasha Patel, Consultant, Watershed Advisors

Elliot Regenstein, Consultant, Foresight Law and Policy

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM S.242 - An act relating to prescription drugs dispensed by a health insurer-designated pharmacy for administration to a patient in a health care setting

- **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Jonathon Heiser, Central Vermont Medical Center

Jeff Hochberg, President, Vermont Retail Druggists

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, America's Health Insurance Plans

Wes McMillian, Director of Pharmacy Services, UVM Medical Center

11:30 AM Senate Health and Welfare Budget Priorities

Committee discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

1:00 PM FLOOR

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.711 - An act relating to the creation of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee and the Opioid Abatement Special Fund

Mark-up and possible vote

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- H.720 - An act relating to the system of care for individuals with developmental disabilities

Mark-up and possible vote

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:10 AM Break

10:30 AM H.464 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to the Reach Up Program

Michelle Fay, Executive Director, Voices for Vermont's Children

Katarina Lisaius, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

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

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

11:05 AM Break

11:40 AM Break

1:00 PM FLOOR

Friday, April 15, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.728 - An act relating to opioid overdose response services

Testimony and mark-up

Andrea DeLaBruere, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

Kelly Dougherty, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Health

Grace Keller, Safe Recovery Program Coordinator, Howard Center

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **Break**

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM FLOOR

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM FLOOR

10 Minutes after Floor H.462 - An act relating to miscellaneous Department of Health programs

Introduction by Reporter, walk-through by counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Dane Whitman, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services

10:55 AM Break

- **H.279 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes affecting the duties of the Department of Vermont Health Access**

Introduction by Reporter, walk-through by counsel, testimony

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Woodman Page, Reporter, House Committee on Health Care

Adaline Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.703 - An act relating to promoting workforce development

Committee Discussion of health care workforce

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Marilyn Cargill, Vice President, Financial Aid Services, Marketing and Research,
Vermont Student Assistance Corporation

Elizabeth Cote, Director, Office of Primary Care and AHEC Program, Larner College of
Medicine, University of Vermont

Tom Little, Vice President and General Counsel, Vermont Student Assistance
Corporation

Rep. Dane Whitman, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services

- **Break**

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Bob Purvis, Director, Central Vermont Turning Point Center

10:30 AM H.462 - An act relating to miscellaneous Department of Health programs

Mark-up and possible votes on bills

Mike Duteau, President, Vermont Association of Chain Drug Stores
David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Department of Health
Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

1:00 PM FLOOR

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.287 - An act relating to patient financial assistance policies and medical debt protection

Mark Detrick, CEO, Capio
Sean Sheehan, Special Projects Director, Agency of Human Services
Adaline Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

- **H.703 - An act relating to promoting workforce development**

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Department of Health
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM H.462 - An act relating to miscellaneous Department of Health programs

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Department of Health

1:00 PM

FLOOR

Friday, April 22, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:30 AM** **H.548 - An act relating to miscellaneous cannabis establishment procedures**
- Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
James Pepper, Chair, Cannabis Control Board
Jill Sudhoff-Guerin, Policy and Communications Consultant, Vermont Medical Society
- 10:00 AM** **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**
- Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont
- **H.287 - An act relating to patient financial assistance policies and medical debt protection**
- Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 11:30 AM** **FLOOR**
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Monday, April 25, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 11:00 AM** **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**
- Committee Discussion of House Changes*
- Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Committee Discussion

10:00 AM FLOOR

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.720 - An act relating to the system of care for individuals with developmental disabilities

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**

Committee Discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM FLOOR

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.720 - An act relating to the system of care for individuals with developmental disabilities**

Amendment Discussion

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:15 AM **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation

Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **FLOOR**

Friday, April 29, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Confirmation Hearing**

Jenney Samuelson, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

- **Confirmation Hearing**

Thom Walsh, Member, Green Mountain Care Board

9:45 AM **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**

Committee Discussion and Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **FLOOR**

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **JRS53 - Joint resolution supporting transgender youth and their parents who seek essential medical care for the treatment of gender dysphoria**

Committee Discussion

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Erica Gibson, Adolescent Medicine Division and Vt. Child Health Improvement Project,
University of Vermont Medical Center

9:15 AM **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**

Committee Discussion and Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mary Kate Mohlman, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:45 AM **JRS53 - Joint resolution supporting transgender youth and their parents who seek essential medical care for the treatment of gender dysphoria**

Discussion and Possible Vote

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:00 AM **S.195 - An act relating to the certification of mental health peer support specialists**

Committee Discussion

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

Friday, May 6, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**

Committee Discussion and Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management

Discussion of Amendment and Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM Senate Floor

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM No Committee Meeting Scheduled

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM No Committee Meeting Scheduled

Friday, May 13, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**
