

2021-2022 Session

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Joint Legislative Child Protection Oversight Committee

Previous Meetings - Full Report

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- **Review of Committee Charge**

- Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families
- Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary
- Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association
- Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Evan Meenan, Deputy Director, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs' Dept.
- Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office
- Aryka Radke, Deputy Commissioner, Family Services Division, Department for Children and Families
- Judith Rex, Executive Director

9:00 AM Update on Raise the Age

- Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

11:00 AM Committee Discussion

Schedule Future Meetings and Agenda Items

11:30 AM Adjourn

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Update on Foster Parent Program

Caseload, Foster Care Accessibility, Parent Training

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

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

10:30 AM Foster Care Parent Training

Richard Valenza, Raise a Child

Jessica Vallely, Manager, Pro Act, Inc

Sarah Ward, Director, VT Child Welfare Training Partnership

Gail Zatz, Lobbyist, Raise a Child

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, August 27, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM DCF's Family First Plan

Elizabeth Hawgood, FFPSA Grant Manager, Department of Children and Families

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

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

Beth Sausville, Senior Policy and Operations Manager and Family Services FFPSA Lead, Department for Children and Families

11:00 AM

Funding for Prevention of Child Abuse

Linda Johnson, Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse Vermont

11:30 AM **2020 Child Protection Report**

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

12:15 PM **Lunch**

1:00 PM **Overview of Services and Programs in Family Services Division**

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

1:45 PM **Children Placed Out of State**

Judicial and Non Judicial Placements

Diane Bugbee, Children Services Specialist, Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living

Jennifer Herbert, Clinical Director, Department for Children and Families

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

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

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

2:30 AM **Commission Discussion**

2:45 PM **Adjourn**

Friday, October 1, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **Final Review of Family First Plan**

30 Day AHS Assessment

60 Day Judicial Assessment

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

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

Beth Sausville, Senior Policy and Operations Manager and Family Services FFPSA Lead, Department for Children and Families

11:00 AM CHINS Reform Group Report

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM DCF Licensing Process of Residential Treatment Programs

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jennifer Myka, General Counsel, Department for Children and Families

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

1:30 PM Agency of Education Certification

What does it mean if a school does receive certification?

What does oversight look like?

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

2:15 PM Update on Kurn Hattin Claims

Kim Dougherty, Co-Founder, Partner, Justice Law Collaborative, LLC

2:30 AM Committee Discussion

2:45 PM Adjourn

Friday, October 29, 2021

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10:00 AM Update from Agency of Education

Statistics related to Vermont residential schools

Overview of new State Board rules

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

10:30 AM Best Practices/Policies for regulating schools

Non educational components of residential schools

Marilyn Villalobos, Policy Associate, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

11:20 AM Family First Plan

Member questions

Jennifer Herbert, Clinical Director, Department for Children and Families

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

Beth Sausville, Senior Policy and Operations Manager and Family Services FFPSA Lead, Department for Children and Families

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Family First Plan

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

1:20 PM UVM Presentation on Child Custody Issues in Vermont

Joint Hearing with Justice Oversight Committee

Hannah Holbrook, Clinical Psychologist, University of Vermont

Sen. Jane Kitchel, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations

Jessica Strolin-Goltzman, Professor, College of Education and Social Services, University of Vermont

3:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, November 19, 2021

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

10:00 AM Update on Family Child Centers

Claire Kendall, Co-Director, Family Center of Washington County, Parent Child Center Network

10:30 AM VCAB's IT Proposals

Sally Borden, Co-Chair, VCAB, Executive Director, Kidsafe Collaborative

11:00 AM Family First Plan

Recommendations

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

11:30 AM DCF Response VCAB's IT Proposals and Family First Plan

Michael Blanchard, Director of IT, Department for Children and Families

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

Beth Sausville, Senior Policy and Operations Manager and Family Services FFPSA Lead, Department for Children and Families

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM DRB Denial of Beckett Facility

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

1:30 PM Committee Discussion

Recommendations to Committees of Jurisdiction

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

3:00 PM Adjourn

Monday, January 10, 2022

Meeting Details

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9:30 AM **Committee Recommendations**

Review and Vote

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **Adjourn**
