

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

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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

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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 <i>Judicial and Non Judicial Placements</i> 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

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10:00 AM	Final Review of Family First Plan <i>30 Day AHS Assessment</i> <i>60 Day Judicial Assessment</i>
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Brian Gearson, 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 Gearson, 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 <i>What does it mean if a school does receive certification?</i> <i>What does oversight look like?</i> 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 <i>Non educational components of residential schools</i> Marilyn Villalobos, Policy Associate, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
11:20 AM	Family First Plan <i>Member questions</i> 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 <i>Joint Hearing with Justice Oversight Committee</i> 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

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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 <i>Recommendations</i> 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 <i>Recommendations to Committees of Jurisdiction</i> Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
3:00 PM	Adjourn

Monday, January 10, 2022

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9:30 AM Committee Recommendations

Review and Vote

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM Adjourn
