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August 29, 2019
1:30pm-3:30pm
Room 11

MINUTES (draft)

Legislative Members Present: Senator Debbie Ingram (Chair), Representative Diane Lanpher (Vice Chair), Representative Lawrence Cupoli, Senator Dick McCormack, and Representative Theresa Wood

Other Members Present: Carlen Finn, *Voices for Vermont Children*; Erhard Mahnke, *VT Affordable Housing Coalition*; Sandy Paritz, *VT Legal Aid*; Jenna O'Farrell, *Northeast Kingdom Community Action*; Karen Lafayette, *VT Low Income Advocacy Council*; Sarah Phillips, *Department for Children & Families*; Stacie Rouleau, *K-12 Public Education delivery system*; Janet Kilburn, *Department of Health*; Auburn Watersong, *Agency of Human Services*.

Staff Present: Katie McLinn and Mike Ferrant, *Office of Legislative Council*, Nolan Langweil, *Joint Fiscal Office*

- The meeting was called to order by Senator Debbie Ingram at 1:30pm
- As the Council consists of 15 voting members, a quorum was established with more than 8 voting members present.
- A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes.
- The Council heard [testimony](#) from representatives of various agencies on proposed changes to the Federal SNAP program. Testimony included both the impact of the proposed changes on current recipients of 3SquaresVT, as well as the impact to recipients of other related programs. The Committee received testimony from DCF's Senior Policy and Operations Director and DCF's Economic Services Division, VT Afterschool, Agency of Education, DAIL, and Hunger Free Vermont.

- The Council heard [testimony](#) from Legislative Council regarding edited and updated Benchmarks and Recommendations.
- The Council discussed the off-site meeting and established the following details: the meeting will take place on 11/21/2019 at BROC in Rutland. Representative Cupoli is coordinating with Tom Donahue on the logistics and those details should be ready by the next meeting. There was discussion about the time of the meeting, whether during business hours or after business hours would draw more of a consumer base.
- The meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.
- The next meeting of the Council is September 26, 2019 from 9:30-11:30am in Room 10 of the State House.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Office of Legislative Council