

From: London, Sarah

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2016 5:00 PM

To: 'dgram@ap.org' <dgram@ap.org>

Subject: FW: Public Records Act Requests for AP National Project on Legislative and Executive Branch Transparency

Dave,

Attached please find records in response to your public record act request directed at Governor Shumlin below. On the calendar, security information, contact information (phone numbers), and executive privileged briefing materials have been withheld pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(25) (security), (c)(7) (personal information), and (c)(1) and (4) (law and common law).

In the emails, non-public contact information has been redacted pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(7), and executive privileged communications from Secretary Justin Johnson and Scott Coriell to the Governor have been redacted pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(1) and (4). The following substantive policy communications have been withheld as executive privileged communications pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(1) and (4): two emails between the Governor, Sue Allen, and Darren Springer; an email from James Pepper to the Governor, Darren Springer, and Scott Coriell; an email from Darren Springer to the Governor; two emails from Scott Coriell to the Governor and Darren Springer; and one email from Secretary Pat Moulton to the Governor, Darren Springer, Commissioner Joan Goldstein, and Deputy Secretary Lucy Leriche. Finally, two emails from me to the Governor and the Governor's senior staff have been withheld as attorney-client communications pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(3).

If you feel that any records have been withheld in error, you may appeal to the Governor's Chief of Staff, Darren Springer, at Darren.Springer@vermont.gov

Thank you,
Sarah

Sarah London
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Mishaan, Jessica

From: GPS
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 10:25 AM
To: Mishaan, Jessica
Subject: FW: NGA SCHEDULING REMINDER: Governors Briefing on the Army Commission Report (THIS FRIDAY 2/5 @ 3:00 PM EST)

From: GPS
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 5:55 PM
To: Allen, Susan <Susan.Allen@vermont.gov>
Cc: Trombley, Shana <Shana.Trombley@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: NGA SCHEDULING REMINDER: Governors Briefing on the Army Commission Report (THIS FRIDAY 2/5 @ 3:00 PM EST)

Thanks

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 2, 2016, at 5:41 PM, Allen, Susan <Susan.Allen@vermont.gov> wrote:

Friday at 3, I will plan on doing this for Gov; will brief you if warranted. Good?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Stevens, Justin" <JStevens@NGA.ORG>
Date: February 2, 2016 at 5:35:36 PM EST
To: "Reps" [REDACTED]
Cc: Council of Governors <[REDACTED]>, "HSPS Committee" [REDACTED]
Subject: NGA SCHEDULING REMINDER: Governors Briefing on the Army Commission Report (THIS FRIDAY 2/5 @ 3:00 PM EST)
Reply-To: "Stevens, Justin" <JStevens@NGA.ORG>

TO: Washington Representatives and State Contacts
CC: Council of Governors and HSPS Committee
FROM: NGA Office of Federal Relations
RE: NGA SCHEDULING REMINDER: Governors Briefing on the Army Commission Report (THIS FRIDAY 2/5 @ 3:00 PM EST)

The Council of Governors Co-Chairs, Governors Terry Branstad (IA) and Dannel Malloy (CT), will host a call for all governors this Friday, February 5 at 3:00 pm (Eastern) for a briefing by the National Commission on the Future of the Army (Commission). Last Thursday (January 28), the Commission released its final report and announced the conclusion of its year-long study of Army force structure across the Regular Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard. During Friday's conference call, several

commissioners will brief on the recommendations in the report and answer governors' questions.

For those governors who cannot attend, their staff are invited to join the call in listen-only mode. For staff in the Hall of the States, the call will be hosted in NGA's Governors Room, Suite 267.

Army Commission Briefing for Governors (Hosted by the Council of Governors Co-Chairs)

Friday, February 5, 2016

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm (EST)

Dial: [REDACTED] Code: [REDACTED]

Or NGA Governors Room, HOTS 267

A calendar invite and an Executive Summary of the Commission's report are attached. The full commission report may be found at this link.

Call Agenda:

- I. Welcome and Introductions
Council of Governors Co-Chairs, Governors Terry Branstad (IA) and Dannel Malloy (CT)
- II. Remarks and Overview of Commission Report
Army Commission Chair General Carter Ham (ret.) and Vice Chair Tom Lamont
- III. Q&A (open to governors only)

Please contact Justin Stevens ([REDACTED]) if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Mishaan, Jessica

From: Johnson, Justin
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 8:23 AM
To: GPS; Springer, Darren
Subject: Fwd: January Revenue Analysis Summary
Attachments: image001.jpg; ATT00001.htm; 16 February Revenue Analysis - January Results SUMMARY.pdf; ATT00002.htm

Justin Johnson
Secretary of Administration
State of Vermont

Ph. 802 828 3322

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Phillip Sprehe <pls@>
Date: February 1, 2016 at 6:07:12 PM EST
To: "Johnson, Justin (Justin.Johnson@vermont.gov)" <Justin.Johnson@vermont.gov>, "Pallito, Andy (Andy.Pallito@vermont.gov)" <Andy.Pallito@vermont.gov>, "Ferland, Brad (Brad.Ferland@vermont.gov)" <Brad.Ferland@vermont.gov>, "Zeller, Susan (Susan.Zeller@vermont.gov)" <Susan.Zeller@vermont.gov>, "Peterson, Mary (Mary.Peterson@vermont.gov)" <Mary.Peterson@vermont.gov>, "LeBlanc, Leonard (Leonard.LeBlanc@vermont.gov)" <Leonard.LeBlanc@vermont.gov>, "Johnson, Harriet (Harriet.Johnson@vermont.gov)" <Harriet.Johnson@vermont.gov>
Cc: Jeff Carr <jbc@> Matthew Cooper <mlc@>
Subject: January Revenue Analysis Summary

Hi Everyone,

Attached you will find the Summary Memo analyzing revenues for the month of January. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

MEMO

TO: GOVERNOR PETER E. SHUMLIN

THRU: JUSTIN JOHNSON, ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY
ANDY FALLITO, COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE &
MANAGEMENT
BRAD FERLAND, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE &
MANAGEMENT

FROM: JEFFREY B. CARR, MATTHEW L. COOPER, AND PHILLIP L.
SPREHE, EPR

DATE: February 1, 2016

RE: REVIEW OF REVENUE ACTIVITY FOR JANUARY FISCAL YEAR
2016

The following was prepared as an overview of key developments in revenues in the Vermont and U.S. economies for the month of January fiscal year 2016. These results reflect preliminary revenue data as of the first business day following the close of the month of January. Please be reminded that these numbers are likely to change somewhat over the first few business days of the month of January. As usual, questions are always welcome regarding any of the material presented in this memo.

The January consensus forecast update also reflects the updated consensus forecast for FY 2016 and updated consensus cash flow targets for the January to June period. As a result, the reported dollar performance of each revenue component and sub-component versus its monthly consensus target matches its cumulative dollar versus target difference for fiscal year 2016.

1. Summary

- Overall: An Underperforming Month in the G-Fund, T-Fund, and E-Fund [Partial].
 - Preliminary receipts data for the month of January in all funds show an essentially "on-target" performance in the G-Fund, a small under-performance in the T-Fund and a significant under-performance in the E-Fund, mainly due to lagging revenues from consumption taxes. The unseasonably warm weather is also apparently dampening tourism activity—which at this point of the year is a significant contributor to

consumption taxes.

- Collections in the G-Fund finished -\$1.2 million or -0.8% below its consensus monthly target in January. Receipts in the largest fund aggregate were paced by positive performances in the two income tax sources Personal Income (at +\$1.4 million or +1.4% versus its monthly consensus cash flow target—thanks in part to lower PI refund activity) and Corporate Income (at +\$4.1 million or +148.2% versus its updated monthly consensus cash flow target). On the negative side, there are lagging consumption taxes and a significant under-performance by the Estate Tax component (at -\$2.0 million or -77.8% versus its revised consensus cash flow target). More specifically for the consumption taxes, the Sales & Use finished down -\$2.8 million (or by 9.6% versus its updated consensus cash flow target). The Meals & Rooms Tax posted January receipts that were -\$0.4 million or -3.2% below its revised monthly consensus cash flow target.
- Preliminary receipts data for the T-Fund showed that receipts completed the month of January -\$0.8 million or -3.9% below its consensus cash flow target for the month of January. The under-performance versus target was largely the result of significantly lower receipts than expected for MvP&U Tax (at -\$0.6 million versus its revised monthly target) and MvFees (at -\$0.7 million versus its revised monthly target). For the most part, the under-performance in the T-Fund overall was explained by the roughly \$1.2 million increase in T-Fund's "In-Process" as of the end of the month. Using the rule of thumb that roughly 2/3 of these Transportation Funds "In-Process" inure to the T-Fund (and the other 1/3 of these funds "go to" the E-Fund), the \$1.2 million increase in Transportation Funds "In-Process" during last month accounts for nearly all of the monthly below target performance during the month of January for the T-Fund overall.
- The E-Fund was the weakest performing fund aggregate during the month of January, as this fund was negatively impacted by the below-consensus-target performances of its consumption taxes (at -\$1.2 million or -7.8% for the Sales Tax versus its revised monthly consensus cash flow target and -\$0.3 million or -13.7% for the MvP&U Tax versus its monthly consensus cash flow target) which are tied to the other funds. The E-Fund also experienced a poor month in January in the Lottery Transfer component (at -\$0.8 million or -29.2% versus its revised monthly consensus cash flow target). Overall, the E-Fund finished the

month of January at -\$2.3 million or -11.1% below its revised monthly consensus cash flow target.

➤ **General Fund Highlights: "On-Target" but -\$1.2 Million or -0.8% below the January Consensus Cash Flow Target:**

- Looking at the "Big Four" components of the G-Fund, the +\$0.8 million over performance for the month of January reflected the split between positive and negative components with the two income taxes more than off-setting the under-performance by the consumptions taxes relative to their revised consensus monthly targets. Meals & Rooms and Sales & Use Tax¹ under-performed during the month of January in part due to Winter weather conditions in the northeast and positive conditions out West—in a reversal of last year's comparative weather situation. The Corporate Income Tax performance during January was particularly important because that performance will likely be needed to help off-set the expected heightened Corporate Tax refund activity over the next two or so months. In fact, Corporate Refunds in the queue may require much if not all of the January ahead of target performance over the next 45 to 60 days.
- In the PI Tax, the positive overall revenue performance for the month (at \$1.7 million in lower than expected refunding activity) helped to push overall net receipts in the PI Tax to a +\$1.4 million or +1.4% positive monthly performance versus its revised monthly consensus cash flow target for January. Also contributing to the PI Tax's positive performance was the small +\$0.1 million past target in PI Paid's. PI Estimates came in essentially on target at -\$0.1 million below its monthly January target—this was important because the consensus forecast has the month of January as the largest month of the fiscal year for PI Estimated Payments. PI Withholding also tracked essentially on-target at -\$0.8 million or only -1.2% below its \$65.6 million monthly consensus cash flow target.
- Outside of the "Big Four," the Insurance Tax at, +\$0.1 million or +15.6% versus its monthly consensus cash flow target, the Bank Franchise tax at +\$0.2 million or +6.5% versus its monthly consensus cash flow target, and the Telephone tax at +\$0.1 million versus its monthly consensus cash flow target were the only sources outside of the "Big Four" to finish January significantly above their monthly consensus cash flow targets. On the negative side of the ledger, there was the volatile Estate Tax (at -\$2.0 million or -77.8% versus its January consensus cash flow target), the Property transfer tax (at -\$0.2 million or -23.2% versus its monthly consensus cash flow target—

¹ The under-performance in the two consumption taxes could also at least partially reflect a poorer than expected holiday retail season.

reflecting the uneven allocations to the Clean Water Surcharge), and Fees (at -\$0.6 million or -27.2% versus its monthly consensus cash flow target). Liquor Tax also has a slightly negative monthly performance at -\$0.1 million or -4.1% versus its monthly consensus cash flow target.

➤ **Transportation Fund Highlights: A Small Under-Performance of -\$0.8 Million (or -3.9% vs. the January Consensus Cash Flow Target) which is explained by the Increase in Transportation Funds "In Process."**

- The month of January for the T-Fund reflects the under-performances of MvP&U Tax (at -\$0.6 million or -13.7% versus its monthly consensus cash flow target) and the MvFees component (at -\$0.7 million or -12.5% versus its monthly consensus cash flow target), which for the most part be explained by the \$1.2 million increase in Transportation Funds "In Process."
- While overall receipts in the T-Fund finished the month at -\$0.8 million below its updated consensus cash flow target for the month, the two fuel taxes did relatively well during January. The Gas Tax finished above its monthly consensus target by +\$0.3 million or +5.3% versus its monthly consensus cash flow target, while the Diesel Tax ended the month virtually "on-target" or just -\$0.1 million or just 2.0% below its revised monthly consensus cash flow target. MvP&U finished January at -\$0.6 million or -13.7% below its revised monthly consensus target. Concurrently, MvFees also turned in below-target results, finishing -\$0.7 million or -12.5% below its monthly consensus target. The remaining "Other Fees" category experienced higher than expected monthly performances by +\$0.3 million or +16.0% above its revised consensus cash flow target.
- As mentioned above, the roughly \$1.2 million increase in the January level of Transportation Funds "In-Process" explains roughly all of the January under-performance in the T-Fund. Using the 2/3 rule where roughly 2/3 of the receipts in the "In-Process" receipts increase would be realized by the T-Fund, the roughly \$1.2 million increase in Transportation Funds "In-Process" would equate to \$0.8 million in additional T-Fund receipts for January had receipts processing been at the same approximate level through January (With Transportation Funds "In-Process" of roughly \$800,000—or the average of the last two fiscal years) Had T-Fund receipts been \$0.8 million, the T-Fund overall would have met its revised consensus cash flow target for January.
- Gas Tax TIB receipts were also "on-target" overall, at +\$0.1 million for the month versus its consensus cash flow target. Diesel Tax TIB

receipts were for all intents and purposes "on-target" for the month, although receipts were -\$0.1 million or -15.1% versus its revised monthly consensus cash flow target.

➤ **Education Fund Highlights: -\$2.3 Million or -11.1% vs. the January Consensus Cash Flow Target:**

- The E-Fund [Partial] fell somewhat short of its revised consensus cash flow target for the month of January, with all three major components finishing the month in negative receipts territory. The MvP&U Tax, as discussed above in the T-Fund section, finished the month a total of -\$0.3 million or -13.7% below its revised consensus cash flow target for the month—reflecting its under-performance in the T-Fund. The Sales & Use Tax component similarly under-performed in the E-Fund, at -\$1.2 million or -7.8% below its revised monthly consensus target—the same as its below-target performance in the G-Fund. Lottery revenues came up short for the month of January, finishing below its consensus monthly target by a total of -\$0.8 million or -29.2% versus consensus expectations—despite a +\$1.0 million upgrade to receipts versus the originally reported figure with the first draft of the Schedule 2 earlier this morning.
- Education Fund Interest, although above target for the month, was insignificant again during the month of January at only \$0.025 million (or \$24.9 thousand) for the month overall.

Through January Results - FY 2016 (Preliminary)									
G-Fund Revenues by Component									
(\$Thousands)	Monthly		Monthly		Monthly		Cumulative		%
	Revenues	Target	Revenues	Target	Revenues	Target	Revenues	Target	
Personal Income	\$ 101,834.9	\$ 100,402.2	\$ 1,432.7	\$ 1,432.7	\$ 447,104.5	\$ 445,671.8	\$ 1,432.7	\$ 1,432.7	0.3%
Sales & Use	\$ 26,670.9	\$ 29,513.4	\$ (2,842.5)	\$ (2,842.5)	\$ 149,558.7	\$ 152,401.2	\$ (2,842.5)	\$ (2,842.5)	-1.9%
Meals & Rooms	\$ 12,653.1	\$ 13,065.4	\$ (412.4)	\$ (412.4)	\$ 94,178.0	\$ 94,590.4	\$ (412.4)	\$ (412.4)	-0.4%
Corporate Income	\$ 6,787.3	\$ 2,735.1	\$ 4,052.2	\$ 4,052.2	\$ 57,435.1	\$ 53,382.9	\$ 4,052.2	\$ 4,052.2	7.6%
G-Fund Other	\$ 9,001.5	\$ 12,431.3	\$ (3,429.9)	\$ (3,429.9)	\$ 76,667.1	\$ 80,097.0	\$ (3,429.9)	\$ (3,429.9)	-4.3%
Total	\$ 156,947.6	\$ 158,147.4	\$ (1,199.8)	\$ (1,199.8)	\$ 824,943.4	\$ 826,143.2	\$ (1,199.8)	\$ (1,199.8)	-0.1%
I-Fund Revenues by Component									
(\$Thousands)	Monthly		Monthly		Monthly		Cumulative		%
	Revenues	Target	Revenues	Target	Revenues	Target	Revenues	Target	
Gasoline	\$ 6,402.4	\$ 6,078.6	\$ 323.8	\$ 323.8	\$ 47,434.3	\$ 47,110.5	\$ 323.8	\$ 323.8	0.7%
Diesel	\$ 1,567.8	\$ 1,599.9	\$ (32.1)	\$ (32.1)	\$ 11,252.3	\$ 11,284.4	\$ (32.1)	\$ (32.1)	-0.3%
MVP&U	\$ 4,048.1	\$ 4,691.0	\$ (642.9)	\$ (642.9)	\$ 37,103.6	\$ 37,746.5	\$ (642.9)	\$ (642.9)	-1.7%
MvFees	\$ 4,601.5	\$ 5,261.0	\$ (659.5)	\$ (659.5)	\$ 42,705.5	\$ 43,365.0	\$ (659.5)	\$ (659.5)	-1.5%
Other Fees	\$ 1,860.2	\$ 1,629.2	\$ 231.0	\$ 231.0	\$ 10,563.9	\$ 10,332.9	\$ 231.0	\$ 231.0	2.2%
Gasoline TIB	\$ 1,095.6	\$ 1,049.8	\$ 45.8	\$ 45.8	\$ 8,114.2	\$ 8,068.4	\$ 45.8	\$ 45.8	0.6%
Diesel TIB	\$ 165.5	\$ 195.0	\$ (29.5)	\$ (29.5)	\$ 1,149.4	\$ 1,178.9	\$ (29.5)	\$ (29.5)	-2.5%
Total [No TIB]	\$ 18,509.4	\$ 19,259.7	\$ (750.2)	\$ (750.2)	\$ 149,089.1	\$ 149,839.3	\$ (750.2)	\$ (750.2)	-0.5%
E-Fund Revenues by Component									
(\$Thousands)	Monthly		Monthly		Monthly		Cumulative		%
	Revenues	Target	Revenues	Target	Revenues	Target	Revenues	Target	
Sales&Use	\$ 14,660.5	\$ 15,891.8	\$ (1,231.4)	\$ (1,231.4)	\$ 80,828.6	\$ 82,060.0	\$ (1,231.4)	\$ (1,231.4)	-1.5%
MVP&U	\$ 2,024.1	\$ 2,345.5	\$ (321.4)	\$ (321.4)	\$ 18,551.8	\$ 18,873.2	\$ (321.4)	\$ (321.4)	-1.7%
Lottery	\$ 1,910.1	\$ 2,699.4	\$ (789.3)	\$ (789.3)	\$ 11,864.2	\$ 12,653.5	\$ (789.3)	\$ (789.3)	-6.2%
Interest	\$ 24.9	\$ 16.9	\$ 8.0	\$ 8.0	\$ 68.5	\$ 60.6	\$ 8.0	\$ 8.0	0.0%
Total	\$ 18,619.5	\$ 20,953.6	\$ (2,334.1)	\$ (2,334.1)	\$ 111,313.2	\$ 113,647.3	\$ (2,334.1)	\$ (2,334.1)	-2.1%
Basic Data Source: VI Agency of Administration									

Updated Year-Over-Year Receipts Tables:

Component (\$ Thousands)	January FY2015	January FY2016	Dollar Difference	Percent Difference
Personal Income	\$ 91,840.8	\$ 101,834.9	\$ 9,994.1	10.9%
Withholding	\$ 63,130.2	\$ 64,824.6	\$ 1,694.4	2.7%
PI Estimates	\$ 34,536.8	\$ 35,037.3	\$ 500.5	1.4%
PI Paid Returns	\$ 324.1	\$ 352.0	\$ 27.9	8.6%
PI Refunds	\$ (7,570.2)	\$ (567.8)	\$ 7,002.4	-92.5%
PI Other	\$ 1,420.0	\$ 2,188.8	\$ 768.8	54.1%
Net Sales & Use Tax	\$ 28,666.7	\$ 26,670.9	\$ (1,995.8)	-7.0%
Corporate Income Tax	\$ 5,558.5	\$ 6,787.3	\$ 1,228.8	22.1%
Corporate Estimates	\$ 2,591.7	\$ -	\$ (2,591.7)	-100.0%
Corporate Paid Returns	\$ 473.4	\$ 7,466.5	\$ 6,993.1	1477.2%
Corporate Refunds	\$ (814.0)	\$ (679.2)	\$ 134.8	-16.6%
Corporate Other	\$ 3,307.4	\$ -	\$ (3,307.4)	-100.0%
Meals & Rooms	\$ 13,503.6	\$ 12,653.1	\$ (850.4)	-7.0%
Property Transfer Tax	\$ 607.9	\$ 620.9	\$ 13.0	2.1%
Other	\$ 13,115.9	\$ 8,380.6	\$ (4,735.3)	-36.1%
Estate Tax	\$ 2,122.8	\$ 568.6	\$ (1,554.2)	-73.2%
Insurance Tax	\$ 1,169.8	\$ 630.1	\$ (539.7)	-46.1%
Total Telephone Tax	\$ 49.8	\$ 52.2	\$ 2.4	0.0%
Bank Franchise Tax	\$ 2,445.0	\$ 2,605.0	\$ 160.0	6.5%
Fees	\$ 1,618.1	\$ 1,503.8	\$ (114.3)	-7.1%
Other	\$ 3,602.2	\$ 885.4	\$ (2,716.8)	-75.4%
Total Net General Fund	\$ 153,393.5	\$ 156,947.6	\$ 3,554.1	2.3%

Figures for the Corporate component are still adjusting to technology changes.
Basic Data Source: VI Agency of Administration

Component (\$ Thousands)	January FY2015	January FY2016	Dollar Difference	Percent Difference
Gasoline Tax	\$ 5,873.4	\$ 6,402.4	\$ 529.0	9.0%
Diesel Tax	\$ 2,085.8	\$ 1,567.8	\$ (518.0)	-24.8%
MvP&U Tax	\$ 4,430.4	\$ 4,048.1	\$ (382.3)	-8.6%
MvFees	\$ 5,085.0	\$ 4,601.5	\$ (483.5)	-9.5%
Other Fees-Revenues	\$ 1,531.8	\$ 1,889.6	\$ 357.8	23.4%
Total Transportation Fund (No TIB)	\$ 19,006.3	\$ 18,509.4	\$ (496.9)	-2.6%
TIB Assessments				
Gas Tax	\$ 1,494.4	\$ 1,095.6	\$ (398.8)	-26.7%
Diesel Tax	\$ 218.8	\$ 165.5	\$ (53.3)	-24.4%
Total Transportation (w/TIB)	\$ 20,719.5	\$ 19,770.5	\$ (949.0)	-4.6%

Basic Data Source: VI Agency of Administration

Component (\$ Thousands)	January FY2015	January FY2016	Dollar Difference	Percent Difference
Sales & Use Tax	\$ 15,435.9	\$ 14,660.5	\$ (775.4)	-5.0%
MvP&U Tax	\$ 2,215.0	\$ 2,024.1	\$ (190.9)	-8.6%
Lottery	\$ 1,642.7	\$ 1,910.1	\$ 267.4	16.3%
Interest	\$ 2.6	\$ 24.9	\$ 22.3	NM
Total Education Fund (Partial)	\$ 19,296.3	\$ 18,619.5	\$ (676.8)	-3.5%

Notes: NM - Not Meaningful
Basic Data Source: VI Agency of Administration

Mishaan, Jessica

From: Shapiro, Robert E. <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 5:57 PM
To: GPS
Cc: Allen, Susan
Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary hearing

Peter

Thanks very much.

I have a request to make our journey a bit less lonely...

Would you please consider sending a letter to Senators Whitehouse, Grassley, and Leahy proposing inclusion of provisions in the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act for increased specific funding of NIH research towards discovery of effective, non-addictive, alternatives to opioids for chronic pain?

We need to make opioid medications obsolete.

Thanks.

Best,

Bob

From: GPS [mailto:GPS@[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 4:46 PM
To: Shapiro, Robert E.
Cc: Allen, Susan
Subject: Re: Senate Judiciary hearing

Bob,

Great to hear from you. Good point. We had a go after them too.

As you probably know, Washington is hesitant to take on big Pharma. They give about \$475,000 per Congress person in every election cycle, so you can understand why they're all sold out....

Keep up the great work. It can be a lonely journey!

Best, Peter

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 29, 2016, at 11:58 AM, Shapiro, Robert E. <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Governor Shumlin

I want to sincerely thank you for your testimony at the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Wednesday. I particularly appreciated your posing of the crucial question about the origins of the opioid crisis:

"Are we willing to have an honest conversation about the way that we're dealing with pain medication in America?"

You may be unaware of the fact that Senator Leahy entered my own statement on the crisis (attached) into the Congressional Record of the hearing:

"Could Pain Research Have Prevented the Prescription Opioid Crisis?"

I hope that you might find a moment to read my perspective. It follows on our conversation in your office on August 8, 2014.

Regarding the federal government's role in the crisis, I certainly agree that the FDA's acts of *commission* bear significant culpability.

However, I also believe that another federal agency shares some responsibility for an act of *omission*. That is, I believe that the NIH has *significantly and persistently* under-resourced pain research that could lead to therapies to make prescription opioids, as we know them, obsolete. No politician has yet publically voiced this concern, or yet suggested that markedly increased NIH pain research ought to be an essential part of any comprehensive solution to the prescription opioid crisis.

I would be happy to discuss these issues further with you.

Thanks again for your leadership.

Best regards,

Bob

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From: Coriell, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 7:10 PM
To: GPS
Cc: Gray, Laura; Darren Springer
Subject: Fwd: E&E
Attachments: Divestment.docx; ATT00001.htm

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From: Springer, Darren
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 2:25 PM
To: Arthur Berndt <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Gray, Laura <Laura.Gray@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: E&E

Hi Arthur,

Attached is a document discussing the Governor's divestment proposal and offering some supporting facts. Laura Gray in our office has been the point person on this, her email is Laura.Gray@vermont.gov. If folks on E&E have questions they can feel free to direct them to Laura or to me.

Thanks for circulating the attached!
Darren

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Please note: My email address has changed to Darren.Springer@vermont.gov.

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From: Arthur Berndt [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 8:11 PM
To: Springer, Darren <Darren.Springer@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: E&E

Absolutely. Happy to circulate any material that helps move us forward.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 19, 2016, at 7:21 PM, Springer, Darren <Darren.Springer@vermont.gov>
wrote:

Hi Arthur,

Hope you are doing well. Given E&E is postponed I wonder if you would be willing to send out some briefing materials on the Governor's divestment proposal to the group if we provided them? Let me know if you think that would be helpful.

Thanks

Darren

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From: Shapiro, Robert E. <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 9:13 PM
To: GPS
Cc: Allen, Susan
Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary hearing

Peter

That would be terrific. Thanks very much.

I will send a draft letter to you by the end of the day tomorrow.

Thanks again. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Bob

From: GPS [mailto:GPS@[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 7:16 PM
To: Shapiro, Robert E.
Cc: Allen, Susan
Subject: Re: Senate Judiciary hearing

Sure. Send me a draft.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 2, 2016, at 5:57 PM, Shapiro, Robert E. <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Peter

Thanks very much.

I have a request to make our journey a bit less lonely...

Would you please consider sending a letter to Senators Whitehouse, Grassley, and Leahy proposing inclusion of provisions in the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act for increased specific funding of NIH research towards discovery of effective, non-addictive, *alternatives* to opioids for chronic pain?

We need to make opioid medications obsolete.

Thanks.

Best,

Bob

From: GPS [mailto:GPS@redacted]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 4:46 PM
To: Shapiro, Robert E.
Cc: Allen, Susan
Subject: Re: Senate Judiciary hearing

Bob,

Great to hear from you. Good point. We had a go after them too.

As you probably know, Washington is hesitant to take on big Pharma. They give about \$475,000 per Congress person in every election cycle, so you can understand why they're all sold out....

Keep up the great work. It can be a lonely journey!

Best, Peter

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 29, 2016, at 11:58 AM, Shapiro, Robert E. <[redacted]> wrote:

Dear Governor Shumlin

I want to sincerely thank you for your testimony at the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Wednesday. I particularly appreciated your posing of the crucial question about the origins of the opioid crisis:

"Are we willing to have an honest conversation about the way that we're dealing with pain medication in America?"

You may be unaware of the fact that Senator Leahy entered my own statement on the crisis (attached) into the Congressional Record of the hearing:

"Could Pain Research Have Prevented the Prescription Opioid Crisis?"

I hope that you might find a moment to read my perspective. It follows on our conversation in your office on August 8, 2014.

Regarding the federal government's role in the crisis, I certainly agree that the FDA's acts of commission bear significant culpability.

However, I also believe that another federal agency shares some responsibility for an act of omission. That is, I believe that the NIH has significantly and persistently under-resourced pain research that could lead to therapies to make prescription opioids, as we know them, obsolete. No politician has yet publically voiced this concern, or yet suggested that markedly increased NIH pain research ought to be an essential part of any comprehensive solution to the prescription opioid crisis.

I would be happy to discuss these issues further with you.

Thanks again for your leadership.

Best regards,

Bob

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From: Coriell, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 11:32 AM
To: GPS; Springer, Darren; Allen, Susan
Subject: Fair Game - Terri subbed in for Paul

A Case for Cash: Zuckerman's Public Financing Quandary
By TERRI HALLENBECK

Last week, Sen. David Zuckerman (P/D-Chittenden), a Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, sent out a fundraising email urging supporters to "Click here to help me qualify for public financing."

It was notable that the appeal came on January 28. State law clearly states that candidates won't be eligible for public financing if they announce their candidacy, or if they raise or spend more than \$2,000, before February 15.

Zuckerman has done all those things. He declared his candidacy on November 10 and readily admits he's both raised and spent more than \$2,000, two weeks before the public financing deadline. He's flaunting the rules, openly and deliberately.

Why? In hopes that a federal judge will ease the rules of Vermont's public financing law, based on a pending case involving him and 2014 Democratic/Progressive lieutenant governor candidate Dean Corren.

The rarely used law is confounding, as Corren discovered the hard way. State Attorney General Bill Sorrell accused Corren of violating it by asking the Vermont Democratic Party to send a mass email on his behalf. The digital missive was interpreted to be a campaign solicitation — prohibited by the public financing law — with a value of \$255, which Corren didn't report as a campaign expense. That transgression precipitated a whopping \$72,000 fine. In response, Corren sued Sorrell in federal court, and Zuckerman has joined in. In legalese, the Chittenden County senator has been granted "intervenor status."

Given that uncertainty around the law, it seemed unlikely that any Vermont candidate would go for public financing this year. But Zuckerman is using the opportunity to challenge the court to agree to more reasonable terms: He thinks that he should be able to start campaigning before February 15; that political parties should be able to help him; and that if his opponents raise more money than he gets through public financing, he should be allowed to raise enough private money to make up the difference.

It's a long shot, and Zuckerman knows it. "The question is, 'Can the judge do that?' I don't know the answer to that," he says.

Zuckerman expects a ruling soon. If the judge doesn't change the parameters, he says, he won't apply for public financing — and, thus, won't be violating the law.

In the meantime, is Zuckerman misleading his supporters by asking them for contributions to help him qualify for public financing? Nowhere does his request indicate that he'll go that route only if a judge changes the law.

To qualify for public financing, candidates must raise \$17,500 in contributions of \$50 or less from 750 registered Vermont voters between February 15 and May 26. In return, they get to spend taxpayer dollars to get elected: up to \$50,000 for a primary and \$150,000 for a general election.

Zuckerman says there's nothing deceptive about his reform strategy. Donors are giving him money to help him get elected, he argues. They aren't going to cry foul over his public-financing push.

The candidate admits that in the early days of his campaign, he received contributions in excess of the \$50 public-financing limit. He's put that money into escrow, he says, and will return it, if necessary, to comply with the law.

Rep. Kesha Ram (D-Burlington), who is competing with Zuckerman for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor, says she thinks the better course of action would be to change the law first, then pursue public financing. Seizing an opportunity of her own, she says, "I'd rather remain up-front with people."

A House Divided

It was a big deal for advocates of marijuana legalization when the Senate Judiciary Committee voted 4-1 last week to advance a bill. But there was another reason to be surprised: The bill moved on schedule, with no Statehouse meltdowns, bickering or grandstanding.

In the few short weeks since the legislature convened for the 2016 session, the Vermont Senate — often characterized in these pages as dysfunctional — looks like a well-tuned machine. Whether or not you agree with their agendas, senators are acting, well, senatorial.

The House, on the other hand, ended January in a political arm-wrestling match. Once considered well-adjusted in comparison to the Senate, the chamber resorted to a middle-of-the-night Saturday session to amend controversial school spending caps.

What's going on? Has the Statehouse turned upside down?

It would be wrong to leap to conclusions less than a month into the four-month session, but here are some things to consider.

Senators started the year by suspending one of their own, Sen. Norm McAllister (R-Franklin), while he faces sexual assault charges. This difficult move seems to have disciplined the senators into focusing. Shocked and humbled them, too.

Now in his sixth session at the helm, Senate President Pro Tempore John Campbell (D-Windsor) may finally be learning the ropes. Although he's not known for running a tight ship, Campbell set firm deadlines for committees to consider marijuana legalization, and lawmakers are meeting them — without drama.

Or upstaging. Senators who authored earlier marijuana legalization bills yielded enormous power to Senate Judiciary Committee chair Dick Sears (D-Bennington) to craft the latest version. Senators who oppose the legislation quietly agreed to let the debate take place.

It's almost eerily polite.

The House, on the other hand, looks like a former Goody Two-shoes who just can't behave any longer. Last Friday, the Democratic majority tried twice to vote on a fix to school spending caps, which hit low-spending schools especially hard. Instead it turned into an early-session game of one-upmanship.

House Minority Leader Don Turner (R-Milton) said he went into the day thinking his Republican colleagues would begrudgingly go along with a compromise. They didn't. Because the bill had just arrived from the Senate, House members couldn't vote on it for a day — unless they elected to suspend that particular legislative rule.

Fueled by the protests of young freshmen Republicans, Turner's party twice refused to supply the three-quarters majority required to let it happen.

That prompted House Speaker Shap Smith (D-Morristown) to declare that the House would reconvene at 12:01 a.m. Saturday — technically a new day, on which the chamber could vote without suspending rules. When they were done at 1:12 a.m., the tally was the same as it would've been 12 hours earlier — 92-32 in favor of the compromise.

So, after all the maneuvering, who won? Neither side, though both tried to spin it.

Republicans proved once again that they have just enough power to block rules suspensions. Meanwhile, in the committee rooms where bills are written, their members routinely go along with the majority. When bills come out of committee 11-0 — with Republican support — it's hard to buy the argument that Democrats are dooming us to partisan rule.

But that's what the Vermont Republican Party tried to say hours after the Saturday session ended. The GOP sent out a fundraising letter, which read in part, "If we do not elect a Republican governor and more Republicans to the House and Senate, we will only have more midnight votes that leave Vermonters behind."

The statement ignores the fact that Republicans in the Senate voted for the education compromise, and that most wanted to go further and repeal spending caps altogether.

The Democratic majority, meanwhile, can't get away from the fact that they spent nearly a month trying to fix their own work from last year. There's no question that education funding is a tough nut to crack, but it's hard for them to claim victory on this one.

Smith dismisses the observation that his 149 members have grown more unruly. "I don't understand why people consider it unhealthy when there's disagreement and jousting," he said. "If it was all 149-0, that would worry me."

'Os With GMOs

In 2014, when Vermont passed its first-in-the-nation law requiring genetically engineered foods to be labeled, the July 1, 2016, start date seemed wholly theoretical, due to anticipated legal challenges.

The massive Grocery Manufacturers Association sued the state within a month, seeking to block the law. What would happen next was anybody's guess.

Nearly two years later, the court case is still pending. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit is expected to rule any day whether to put the law on hold while the underlying case is heard.

No one knows if Vermont will prevail in court, but the state did score a related victory.

Last month, Campbell Soup announced it would become the first major manufacturer to voluntarily label genetically modified foods.

Campbell, which makes a wide array of foods, including V8 juice and Pepperidge Farm products, also declared that it is withdrawing its opposition to mandatory labeling. And, although the soup company remains a member of the Grocery Manufacturers Association, it is no longer backing the lawsuit.

Does Campbell have some ulterior motive? "I don't think so," says Vermont Law School assistant professor Laura Murphy, who helped craft and defend Vermont's law. "They're just doing the right thing. That's the only way to take it."

Campbell isn't the only food manufacturer working on new labels. Todd Daloz, the assistant attorney general overseeing rollout of Vermont's law, says a steady flow of companies are calling with questions about where the "Produced with Genetic Engineering" labels can be placed and how big they should be. "We are getting a lot of, 'I can't find anywhere to put this,'" he says.

Campbell's decision did expose a flaw in Vermont's law, however. The company noted that a can of SpaghettiOs must carry the GMO label, but SpaghettiOs with meatballs does not.

The law exempts meat, because federal rules that govern meat labeling preclude states from getting involved. Most people following the law understood that packages of beef would be exempt — but a can of SpaghettiOs with meatballs?

"We followed the proposed Vermont legislation," Campbell spokesman Tom Hushen says. "We did not conclude this on our own."

That, he says, is why Campbell would still prefer a federal GMO labeling law. In the meantime, Hushen says, "We will label the meatballs version anyway."

Changing Horses

While 2016 election season has barely gotten started, two candidates have already made key changes to their campaign staffs.

As Seven Days reported Monday, Sue Minter, a Democratic candidate for governor, has hired a new campaign manager: Molly Ritner, a 28-year-old Bates College grad who has worked on Democratic campaigns around the country. Sarah McCall, who had filled that role since the campaign started in September, is now Minter's senior adviser.

Minter and Ritner have a lot in common: Both grew up in Philadelphia and excelled in college athletics. Minter called it a "great personal fit."

Meanwhile, Ram and her campaign manager, Brandon Batham, parted ways Sunday over what both described as philosophical differences.

Batham, chair of the Windham County Democratic Committee and a former Vermont Democratic Party field organizer, says Ram made the decision a couple of weeks ago.

"We realized we didn't have a great dynamic," Ram says. For now, finance director Liz Kane will be her only paid staffer. "It's early enough that we're going to see what makes the most sense," she says.

"It just wasn't a good fit," says Batham, adding, "I do think she's still the strongest candidate."

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From: Coriell, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 12:09 PM
To: GPS; Springer, Darren; Allen, Susan; Gray, Laura
Subject: FW: response to your letter

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Cc: Lueders-Dumont, Tim <Tim.Lueders-Dumont@vermont.gov>; 'dgiambatista@leg.state.vt.us' <dgiambatista@leg.state.vt.us>; Conor T. Kennedy <ckennedy@leg.state.vt.us>
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Dear Chair Golonka and Treasurer Pearce,

Thank you for your invitation. As you know, the Governor feels strongly that Vermont should not be invested in coal, which is the single largest contributor to global climate change in the United States. The Governor also believes Vermont should not be invested in ExxonMobil because of the misleading tactics the company used to conceal their knowledge of climate change, a history which has the company being investigated by the Attorneys General of California and New York.

For those reasons, the Governor has made divestment a top priority. He would be happy to meet with you and the other members of the Vermont Pension Investment Committee (VPIC) to urge you to reconsider your opposition to selling coal stocks.

Vermont has used divestment as a tool to tackle big challenges in the past. In 1986, the Legislature passed and Gov. Madeline Kunin signed into law an act directing the pension funds to divest from companies doing business with South Africa in response to Apartheid. In 1997, then Treasurer Jim Douglas, with the support of the Legislature, recommended divestment to shed Big Tobacco stocks. In 2007, Vermont divested state pensions of companies doing business with the government of Sudan in response to the humanitarian crisis in that country.

Each of those actions were not only justified at the time; they make us proud as we look back with a historical perspective. The Governor feels strongly that climate change is an issue that represents an even greater challenge and requires similar, immediate action. In the past, divestment has been achieved through VPIC action and through Legislative action. The Governor will continue to pursue all available avenues to achieve this priority.

Sincerely,

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From: Miller, Lawrence
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 4:33 PM
To: EXE - SrStaff; GPS
Subject: Fwd: IE & MMIS Procurement

Importance: High

Hal sent the below to the project staff.

Lawrence Miller
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----- Original message -----

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Katie", "Yahr, Emily"

Subject: IE & MMIS Procurement

Hi Folks,

Since we released the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS Core) and the Integrated Eligibility Solution (IE) RFP's, the approach to these solutions has evolved significantly allowing us to be more strategic in building solutions that meet the needs of Vermonters, providers and staff. This is our opportunity to reset. For that reason, and after much consideration, I've made the decision to cancel the current procurement processes for the Design, Development, and Implementation of both MMIS Core and IE.

We have consulted with our partners at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and they support my decision. CMS has been on the forefront of encouraging a broader range of vendors to develop solutions and best practices to meet the needs of states across the country that are facing the same challenges of modernizing systems that are 25 or 30 years old.

I remain committed to the vision of transforming the Agency of Human Services (AHS) to better serve Vermonters through the use of innovative business and technology solutions. Over the next several weeks, the IE and MMIS Project Teams will be engaged in discussions regarding aligning our procurement approach and resource allocation with business and funding priorities. Through this work we will define the new approach to MMIS and IE. Sean Brown and Stephanie Beck will be at the IE Project Team meeting on Monday at 9:00am to address your questions and concerns; Lori Collins and Stephanie Beck will be at the MMIS Project team meeting on Monday at 2:00pm to address your questions and concerns.

FAQ's will be distributed tomorrow. We will continue to update and distribute additional information as it becomes available.

I so appreciate the hard work that went into these procurements and we will build upon that foundation. Thank you for your dedication and I ask for your patience while we work out the details associated with this decision.

Regards,
Hal

Hal Cohen
Secretary, Agency of Human Services
802-871-3008

Mishaan, Jessica

From: Shapiro, Robert E. <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 8:54 PM
To: GPS
Cc: Allen, Susan
Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary hearing
Attachments: Shumlin draft letter 2-3-16.docx

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Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray,

I am aware that you, and your colleagues of the Senate H.E.L.P Committee, are actively drafting the Senate companion bill to the 21st Century Cures Act (H.R. 6) for reform of the NIH and the FDA.

I am writing to you at this time to strongly urge you to include provisions within this bill that ensure sufficient NIH funding for fundamental, translational, and clinical research on chronic pain.

Pain is the single most costly medical problem facing our country.

The National Academy of Medicine (NAM) has estimated that 100 million Americans experience chronic pain each year, at a total annual societal cost that may reach \$635 billion, not including \$55 billion lost to opioid misuse and addiction. Yet compared to other major diseases, pain research has been significantly underfunded relative to its societal costs.

	US total costs (billions) (2011 NAM estimates)	NIH Research Funding (billions) (2014 NIH estimates)	Research funding / economic costs (relative to "Pain")
Pain	\$560 to \$635	\$0.499	1
Heart Disease	\$309	\$1.224	>4.4 times higher
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Cancer	\$243	\$5.392	>25 times higher

NIH has not announced any plans to increase their funding of pain research. Though they recently indicated that in the future they intend to pay greater attention to disease burden measures in prioritizing their research portfolio, it is not all certain how this new policy might impact pain research. Consequently, I urge you to include provisions for markedly increased pain research funding in the NIH/FDA reform bill that you are currently negotiating.

Moreover, there is another crucial reason to increase pain research at this time: the need to find effective, affordable, and *non-addictive* alternatives to current opioid analgesics.

The nation's current opioid and heroin crisis can be traced back to the mid-1990s, when the FDA approved Oxycontin for chronic pain, despite a lack of evidence for its long-term safety and efficacy. As we all now know, the consequences have been disastrous. As long as opioid medications remain the default mainstay therapies for chronic pain, these drugs will constitute an ever-present risk for diversion and addiction.

We need to address the prescription opioid crisis at its source: opioid medications, as we know them, must be made obsolete. This will require a significant but necessary NIH investment. The benefits of discovery of better chronic pain therapies will far out-weigh these research costs in

terms of reduced suffering and shattered lives, increased workplace productivity, innovative product development, and overall societal cost-savings.

Multiple bills are currently under consideration in this Congress to address the prescription opioid and heroin crisis. But no congressional bill is addressing the concurrent crisis of mistreatment of chronic pain - which lies at the origin of the addiction crisis, and will remain so until better and safer pain medications are discovered.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Shumlin
Governor, Vermont

Mishaan, Jessica

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Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2016 6:14 AM
To: GPS
Subject: Re: Senate Judiciary hearing

Easy!

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Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 9:05 PM
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Sue,
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Mishaan, Jessica

From: Gray, Laura
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2016 10:43 AM
To: GPS
Subject: Susan Allen-Samuel

She's a social worker, her son was an addict. He's now sober two years.

<http://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/our-families-are-dying-new-hampshire-s-heroin-crisis-n510661>



'Our Families Are Dying': New Hampshire's Heroin Crisis

www.nbcnews.com

New Hampshire finds itself on the front lines of a heroin crisis that, critics warn, is unraveling the state's social fabric.

Susan Allen-Samuel
[REDACTED]

Monday, February 1, 2016 Schedule

- 9:00 - 9:25am Pick Up GPS & Depart for Pavilion
- 9:30 - 10:00am Meeting with Gov. Dean
Ceremonial Office
Staff: Darren Springer [contact info omitted]
Sue Allen [contact info omitted]
Robin Lunge [contact info omitted]
- Gov. Dean requested a meeting to discuss the proposed provider tax.
Contact: Amanda McKay, Office of Governor Howard Dean [contact info omitted]
- 10:15 - 11:45am Depart for Springfield
- 12:00 -1:00pm Springfield Chamber of Commerce & Springfield Rotary Club
Hartness House, 30 Orchard St., Springfield
Staff: Jess Gingras [contact info omitted] (will meet you at event)
GPS to address the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Springfield Rotary Club. The executive director for the Chamber, Caitlin Christiana will greet Gov. Sue Dana, Chamber of Commerce Board President also will be in attendance. As in previous years, people will eat first and then hear from the Gov. Christian Craig, the Rotary President will introduce the Governor. Last year, the Governor addressed this group at the Nolan Murray Center and most of the questions were about how to conquer the opiate crisis, healthcare and a couple on econ dev.
- [Policy briefing from ACCD omitted]
- Contact: Ethan McNaughton [contact info omitted]
- See talking points in briefing book.
- 1:00pm Personal time in Windham Co.

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 Schedule

- 8:30 -8:55am Pick Up GPS & Depart for Pavilion
- 9:00 -9:30am Meeting RE: VY
Governor's Office
Staff: Darren Springer [contact info omitted] Sarah London [contact info omitted]

With:

Comm. Chris Recchia [contact info omitted]

Dep. Sec. Trey Martin [contact info omitted]

AG Sorrell [contact info omitted]

9:30 - 9:45am

Prep for Presser

Governor's Office

Staff: Darren Springer [contact info omitted]

Sue Allen [contact info omitted]

Scott Coriell [contact info omitted]

9:50 - 9:55am

Walk to SH

10:00 - 10:30am

Press Conference RE: Vermont Business Portal State House

Room 10

Staff: Scott Coriell [contact info omitted]

The Secretary of State's office is holding a press conference to raise awareness of the Vermont Business Portal, they created for Business, Tax and Labor filings.

Agenda:

Gov. Shumlin

Jim Condos, Sec. of State

Mary Peterson, Comm. of Tax

Annie Noonan, Comm. of Labor

Presentation (Condos, Tax & Labor will explain various sections of the presentation)

Contact: Christopher D. Winters, Deputy Secretary of State [contact info omitted]

See press release in briefing book

10:30 - 10:50ish

OPEN

10:55- 11:00am

Walk to Pavilion

11:00 -11:20am

Meet with the Committee on Successful Aging

4th Floor Conference Room

Staff: Jess Gingras [contact info omitted]

Commissioner Chair Toby Young will welcome everyone and introduce the chair of the Subcommittee on Health Reform, Dawn Philibert (VDH).

The committee will focus on three areas of the report:

Oral Health — seeking support to improve access by licensing another category of providers (S.20)

Falls Prevention — request for support for a statewide plan for preventing falls among older Vermonters

Mental Health and Substance Abuse — increased attention to mental health and substance abuse issues among older adults

Contact: Camille George [contact info omitted]

An electronic version of the full report is attached to today's schedule

- 11:20 - 11:25am Depart for SH
- 11:25 - 11:45am Attend Briefing on Citizens Advisory Committee's (CAC) Action Plan
Ceremonial Office staff: Darren Springer [contact info omitted]
Sec. Deb Markowitz [contact info omitted]
Dep. Sec. Trey Martin [contact info omitted]
- Trey and Deb will meet with the cmte from 11 — 11:30am. Gov will join the meeting at 11:25 for the final 15 minutes.
Comm. Schuren can't attend as she is testifying but Sec. Markowitz & Dep. Sec. Martin will be on hand. [Policy briefing from ANR omitted]
Julia S. Moore, Group Leader, Water Resources Management [contact info omitted]
- 11:45 - 12:05pm Meet with Eversource
Ceremonial Office
Staff: Darren Springer [contact info omitted]
With Comm. Chris Recchia [contact info omitted]
- Participants include:
Peg Morton, VP-Government Affairs, Eversource Energy
Michael J. Auseré, VP-Energy Planning & Economics, Eversource Energy
Richard Paglia, Spectra Energy -- Vice President, Northeast Marketing
Contact: Vince Illuzi [contact info omitted]
- 12:15 - 12:25pm Meet with Pardon Candidate
Ceremonial Office - TBC
Staff: Sarah London [contact info omitted] Jess Mishaan
- 12:30 - 12:50pm Meet with Dr. Rob Simpson
Ceremonial Office staff. Sue Allen [contact info omitted]
- Dr. Simpson wishes to share information with Gov regarding the future of Brattleboro Retreat under the new leadership of Dr. Louis Josephson
Contact: Dr. Simpson [contact info omitted]
- No other events/meetings scheduled

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 Schedule

- 9:00 - 9:25am Pick Up GPS & Depart for State House
FYI — weekly meeting with Speaker Smith is cancelled as he is in DC
- 9:30 - 10:00am Meeting with Pro-Tem Campbell
Ceremonial Office
Staff: Darren Springer [contact info omitted]

Sue Allen [contact info omitted]
Sec. Justin Johnson [contact info omitted]
Scott Coriell [contact info omitted]
Contact: Pro-Tem Campbell [contact info omitted]
Erika Wolffing [contact info omitted]
Conor Kennedy [contact info omitted]

10:15 - 10:45am Meeting with advocates re: divestment
Ceremonial Office
Staff: Darren Springer [contact info omitted] Laura Gray
Participants Include:
Robb Kidd, Sierra Club
Amy Shollenberger, lobbyist
Eric Becker, Clean Yield Capital
Austin Davis, 350 Vermont
Joanna Miller, VNRC
Ben Walsh, VPIRG
Paul Burns, VPIRG
Lauren Hierl, Vermont Conservation Voters
Dan Barlow, VBSR

10:50am Walk to Pavilion

11:00 - 11:30am Meeting re: legalization
Governor's Office staff: Darren Springer [contact info omitted]
Sue Allen [contact info omitted]

Meeting to discuss messaging around legalization
Participants include:
Comm. Harry Chen [contact info omitted]
Sec. Hal Cohen [contact info omitted]
Sec. Pat Moulton [contact info omitted]
Comm. Mary Peterson [contact info omitted]
Comm. Keith Flynn [contact info omitted]
Sec. Rebecca Holcombe [contact info omitted]
Sec. Cole [contact info omitted]

12:00 - 12:45pm Meeting re: update on all payer model
Governor's Office staff: Darren Springer [contact info omitted]
Al Gobeille [contact info omitted]
Comm. Harry Chen [contact info omitted]
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Comm. Steve Costantino [contact info omitted]

Ena Backus

Lori Collins
Tom Boyd
Selina Hicman
Comm. Monic Hutt - TBC
Meeting to discuss implementation plan and the progress thus far.
Contact: Michael Costa, Deputy Director of Health Care Reform [contact info omitted]

CONF CALL INFO (this would be distributed to all other participants)
[Conference call info omitted]

12:50pm	Walk to SH
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4:00 - 4:30pm	Humane Legislator of the Year Award SH Cafeteria Staff: Patrick Campbell Agenda: Barry Londeree, Vermont State Director, The Humane Society — Welcome & Award Description Remarks GPS — remarks & presentation of award to Sen. Sears Rep. Kurt Wright (sponsor of H. 297, a bill restricting the sale of ivory and rhino products) Taegan Yardley, a student at Vermont Commons who has been an advocate for the bill. FYI, the bill recently passed out of the House FW Cmte, Contact: Barry Londeree, The Humane Society of the United States [contact info omitted]

Please see tps in briefing book.

Thursday, February 4, 2016 Schedule

9:00 - 9:30am	Pick Up GPS & Depart for State House
9:30 -10:00am	Meet with Al Gobeille Ceremonial Office Staff: Darren Springer [contact info omitted] At Gobeille [contact info omitted]
10:00am	Meeting with Senators re: divestment Ceremonial Office Staff: Darren Springer [contact info omitted] With Senators Pearson, Pollina & Zuckerman
10:30am	Depart for Putney See other calendar

Friday, February 5, 2016 Schedule

8:30 - 8:55am	Pick Up GPS & Depart for State House
9:00 - 9:30am	Meet with Speaker Smith Ceremonial Office Staff: Darren Springer [contact info omitted] Sue Allen [contact info omitted] Scott Coriell [contact info omitted] Contact: Speaker Smith [contact info omitted] Dylan Giambastista [contact info omitted]
9:30 - 9:45am	Weekly Interview with Mark Johnson Ceremonial Office staff: Scott Coriell [contact info omitted]
9:50 - 10:00am	Weekly Interview with Neal Goswami Ceremonial Office staff: Scott Coriell [contact info omitted]
10:15 - 11:00am	Depart for Burlington
11:00 - 11:45am	Mary Morrissey's Swearing-in Ceremony Costello Courthouse, 32 Cherry Street, Burlington Staff: Sarah London [contact info omitted] Darren Springer [contact info omitted] Speakers: Essex Chief of Police Brad LaRose

Attorney Mark Kaplan State's Attorney TJ Donovan

Judge Nancy Waples

Family members include:

Chris (husband), Riley, Allison, and Natalie (daughters)

Leo and Bonnie LeCours (the "s" is silent) (parents)

Michele Martel and Kathy Banfield (sisters)

Also in attendance: many aunts, uncles, and cousins

11:45am

Quick 'hello' to Heidi Viens, Courthouse Café

Champlain Room, Costello Courthouse, 32 Cherry Street, Burlington

Following Mary's swearing in ceremony, Heidi Viens, the blind operator at the Courthouse Café, will cater a lunch for Mary Morrissey. Heidi runs the Courthouse Café in that same building and has provided good customer service for Mary Morrissey and many others who are regulars at the café. Heidi was honored and excited when she was asked by Mary to cater the event.

FYI - She operates this small business in partnership with the State Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DBVI) as part of the Randolph-Sheppard Business Enterprise Program. Heidi is totally blind and a graduate of Champlain College.

1:00 - 2:00pm

National Counterterrorism Center Briefing

Camp Johnson, 789 Vermont National Guard Rd, Colchester

Staff: Darren Springer [contact info omitted]