

**DRAFT Minutes of the Housing and Homeless Subcommittee  
Child Poverty Council  
Ethan Allen Room  
11/12/15**

**Meeting Date:** 11/12/15, 9:00 – 9:45

**Subcommittee Members in Attendance**

Rep. Jill Krowinski  
Sen. Ann Cummings  
Paul Dragon, Agency of Human Services  
Sandy Paritz, Vermont Legal Aid  
Annie Noonan, Commissioner of Labor

**Others Attending**

Damien Leonard, Legislative Council  
Marjorie Zunder, Legislative Council  
Erhard Mahnke, Coordinator, Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition  
Suzi Wizowaty, Vermonters for Social Justice Reform  
Elizabeth Hewitt, VTDigger

**Topics Discussed**

- H.211 Homeless Bill of Rights – Is it acceptable or should it be changed?
- Add mandatory transportation for homeless school children? Add mandatory building of affordable housing? Counter opposition to warming shelters in several towns, conversations and discussions needed to change this. Counter ordinances in opposition to aggressive panhandling and sleeping in cars
- Subcommittee to think about public education relating to homelessness. Put a human face on the problem, use local community members in a campaign. Instead of forcing a local community, learn what is feared and assist, break down myths, but not back down
- Warming shelters can be considered positive by police

**Motions**

No motions were made during the meeting.

*Minutes prepared by Marjorie Zunder, Legislative Counsel*