

2019-2020 Session

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Senate Committee on Health and Welfare

(Room 17)

The Senate Committee on Health and Welfare has jurisdiction over matters relating to the preservation of health, old age assistance, and social and economic security.

Previous Meetings - Full Report

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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10:00 AM	Overview of Reports and Legislation from Last Biennium
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Jennifer Carbee, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM	Adjourn
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Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Homelessness Awareness Day

Room 11

Margaret Bozik, Director of Asset Management & Special Initiatives, Champlain Housing Trust and Co-Chair, Chittenden County Homeless Alliance

Kara Casey, Housing and Economic Justice Specialist, Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Sarah Phillips, Director, Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity

Renee Weeks, Director of Clinical and Shelter Services, Upper Valley Haven

Deb Zak, Asset Manager, Windham and Windsor Housing Trust

10:10 AM Overview of Recent Changes

Al Gobeille, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

11:00 AM Overview of Reports and Legislation from Last Biennium

Continued

Jennifer Carbee, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Overview of Health Care Financing

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Michael Barber, Chief of Health Policy, Green Mountain Care Board

Michael Costa, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

10:00 AM Medicaid Finance Overview

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

11:15 AM Department of Vermont Health Access

Update on Recent Changes

Michael Costa, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Cassandra Madison, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, January 18, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

Update on Recent Changes

Camille George, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living

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

9:30 AM TBA

Brandon Dyer, User Support Specialist, Office of Legislative
Counsel

10:30 AM Department of Mental Health

Update on Recent Changes

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental
Health

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

11:00 AM Department for Children and Families

Update on Recent Changes

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Senate Protocols and Floor Decorum**

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems**

Overview and Updates

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

11:00 AM **Adverse Childhood Experiences**

Review Act 43 Report

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Green Mountain Care Board

Overview of Annual Report

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board
Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

9:30 AM Trauma Informed Care

Data Visualization Tool

Georgia Maheras, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State
Primary Care Association
Lauri Scharf, Program Manager, Health Care Informatics, Bi-
State Primary Care Association
Heather Skeels, Senior Program Manager, Health Data
Operations, Bi-State Primary Care Association

10:00 AM Federally Qualified Health Centers

Georgia Maheras, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State
Primary Care Association

10:30 AM Break

10:50 AM Health Care Contract and Medicine Assisted Treatment

Annie Ramniceanu, DOC Addiction and Mental Health Systems
Director, Department of Corrections

Max Titus, Department of Corrections

Michael Touchette, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Ben Watts, Health Services Administrator, Department of
Corrections

11:30 AM Department of Health

Overview and Updates

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM Medicaid Dental Benefit

Gail Auclair, CEO, Little Rivers Health Care, Inc.

Vaughn Collins, Executive Director, Vermont State Dental
Society

Tom Connolly, Retired Oral And Maxillofacial Surgeon

Barbara Frankowski, M.D., MPH, Prof. of Gen. Pediatrics &
Adolescent Med., Dept. of Pediatrics, American Academy of

Pediatrics, Vermont Chapter
Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health
Access (DVHA)
Janice Waterman, Practice Manager, The Health Center

11:30 AM OneCare Vermont

Overview and Updates

Victoria Loner, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer,
OneCare Vermont
Kevin Stone, Acting CEO, OneCare Vermont

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, January 25, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.14 - An act relating to extending the moratorium on home health agency certificates of need

Amerin Aborjaily, Associate General Counsel, Green Mountain
Care Board

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Jill Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Bayada Home Health Care

10:00 AM Department of Mental Health

Update on Recent Changes, continued

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Emma Harrigan, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

11:10 AM Vermont Legislative Research Service

Anthony Gierzynski, Director, Vermont Legislative Research Service

11:20 AM Pharmacists' Day

Lauren Bode, Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

Marty Irons, Vermont Pharmacists Association

Theo Kennedy, Lobbyist, Vermont Pharmacists Association

11:30 AM Implicit Bias Training

Ethan Allen Room

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **Bi-State Primary Care Association**

George Fjeld, Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region

Peter Gunther, Community Health Centers of Burlington

Tess Kuenning, President and CEO, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Scott McCray, CEO, Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley

Melissa Volansky, Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley

Josh White, Gifford Health Care

10:30 AM **S.14 - An act relating to extending the moratorium on home health agency certificates of need**

Mark-up and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:45 AM **OneCare Vermont**

Overview

Jessica Holmes, Economics Professor, Middlebury College

11:45 AM **S.31 - An act relating to informed health care financial decision making and the consent policy for the Vermont Health Information Exchange**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Mental Health Advocacy Day

Mary Cox, NAMI VT
Connie Stabler, Community Services

9:30 AM S.43 - An act relating to limiting prior authorization requirements for medication-assisted treatment

Introduction and walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM S.7 - An act relating to social service integration with Vermont's health care system

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:15 AM Green Mountain Care Board

Michael Barber, Chief of Health Policy, Green Mountain Care Board
Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Melissa Miles, Health Policy Project Director, Green Mountain
Care Board

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

11:15 AM Act 200, Section 8 Report

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human
Services

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, January 31, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Pathways VT

Overview

Todd Bauman, Executive Director, Northwest Counseling and
Support Services

Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

9:30 AM Overview of the DA/SSA System

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

10:00 AM Cannabis Prevention Issues

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society
Simha Ravven, Interim Chief Medical Officer, Brattleboro Retreat
and Vice President, Vermont Medical Society

10:20 AM Pathways Vermont

Jenn Astrella, Housing First Service Recipient, Putney
Ali Jafari, Support Line Operator, Pathways Vermont
Erhard Mahnke, Coordinator, Vermont Affordable Housing
Coalition
Hilary Melton, Executive Director, Pathways Vermont

10:40 AM Health Care Advocate

Overview

Rep. Michael Fisher, Chief Advocate, Office of Health Care
Advocate, Vt. Legal Aid
Wendy Morgan, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

**11:00 AM S.4 - An act relating to amending the charge of the Advisory
Council on Child Poverty and Strengthening Families**

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**11:15 AM Report of the Advisory Council on Child Poverty and
Strengthening Families**

Jared Adler, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, February 1, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM OneCare Vermont

Victoria Loner, Chief Operating Officer, OneCare Vermont

10:00 AM The Faces of ACEs

Joint Film Screening and Discussion with House Health Care and House Human Services Committees - Room 11

Kathy Hentcy, Mental Health & Health Care Integration Director,
Department of Mental Health

Kimberly Pierce, Filmmaker

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

10:00 AM Sheriffs in Hospital Emergency Rooms

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Roger Marcoux, Sheriff, Lamoille County Sheriff's Department

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

11:00 AM Woodside

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Karen Shea, Deputy Commissioner, Family Services Division, Department for Children and Families

11:30 AM Cannabis Prevention Issues

Hugh Garavan, Department of Psychiatry, University of Vermont

David Rettew, Psychiatrist

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM BlueCross BlueShield of Vermont

Overview and Updates

Andrew Garland, Vice President Client Relations and External Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont

Don George, President and CEO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont

9:30 AM Cannabis Prevention Issues

Jill Rinehart, MD, FAAP, President, American Academy of Pediatrics, Vermont Chapter

9:45 AM Tobacco Prevention

John Hughes, Departments of Psychiatry and Psychological Sciences, University of Vermont

10:00 AM Governor's Proposed FY2019 Budget Adjustment

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

11:00 AM S.55 - An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials

Introduction and walk-through

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM Farm to School Day

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont

Amethyst Peaslee, Director, College Street Children's Center, Middlebury

Betsy Rosenbluth, Project Director, Vermont FEED

11:45 AM Recovery Day

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**9:00 AM S.42 - An act relating to requiring at least one member of the
Green Mountain Care Board to be a health care professional**

Introduction and Walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Meredith Roberts, Executive Director, American Nurses
Association Vermont

Jill Sudhoff-Guerin, Government Relations Director, Vermont
Medical Society

- **S.53 - An act relating to determining the proportion of health
care spending allocated to primary care**

Introduction and Walk-through

Sen. Tim Ashe, Sponsor

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

- 10:00 AM** **S.43 - An act relating to limiting prior authorization requirements for medication-assisted treatment**
- Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Healthcare
- Jill Sudhoff-Guerin, Government Relations Director, Vermont Medical Society
- Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont
- Katie Whitaker, Care Coordinator, Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley
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- 10:20 AM** **University of Vermont Extension Programs**
- Katie Black, EFNEP Nutrition Educator, UVM Extension
- Amy Davidson, Director, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, UVM Extension
- Chuck Ross, Director, University of Vermont Extension
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- 10:35 AM** **Break**
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- 10:45 AM** **Report on Vermont's Institutions of Mental Disease**
- Al Gobeille, Secretary, Agency of Human Services
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- 11:15 AM** **Children's Integrated Services**
- Morgan Cole, Director of Children's Integrated Services, Department for Children and Families
- Reeva Murphy, Deputy Commissioner, Child Development Division, Department for Children and Families
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- 11:45 AM** **Adjourn**

Friday, February 8, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Freestanding Health Care Facilities Work Group Report

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of Health

9:30 AM S.73 - An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers

Introduction and Walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Amy Cooper, Manager, Green Mountain Surgery Center

10:00 AM S.55 - An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials

Michelle Fay, Executive Director, Voices for Vermont's Children
Lauren Hierl, Executive Director, Vermont Conservation Voters
Martin Wolf, Director, Product Sustainability & Authenticity, Seventh Generation

10:30 AM S.31 - An act relating to informed health care financial decision making and the consent policy for the Vermont Health Information Exchange

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society
Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP
Healthcare

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, AARP Vermont

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media
Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:30 AM **Reforming Vermont's Mental Health System: Report to the
Legislature on the Implementation of Act 200, Section 3**

Act 200, Section 3 report

Karen Barber, Legal Counsel, Department of Mental Health
Frank Reed, Director of Operations and Planning and
Development, Department of Mental Health

10:45 AM **Patients Seeking Mental Health Care in Hospital Settings**

Act 200, Section 7 report

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental
Health

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont
Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Emma Harrigan, Director of Policy Analysis and Development,
Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

**11:00 AM S.55 - An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and
hazardous materials**

Andrew Hackman, Juvenile Product Manufacturers Association

Matt Lenz, State Director, Toy Association

**11:20 AM S.43 - An act relating to limiting prior authorization
requirements for medication-assisted treatment**

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP
Healthcare

Nancy Hogue, Director of Pharmacy Services, Department of
Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Jill Sudhoff-Guerin, Government Relations Director, Vermont
Medical Society

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media
Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

11:55 AM Our Voices Exposed (VOX)

Harwood Union High School

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.86 - An act relating to increasing the legal age for buying and using cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and other tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age

Introduction and Walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:15 AM Opportunities and Barriers to Implementing Tobacco 21 in Vermont

Jack Chen, Student, University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine

Kathryn Kurchena, Student, University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine

Rebecca Ryan, Division Director, Health Promotion, American Lung Association of the Northeast

9:45 AM S.86 - An act relating to increasing the legal age for buying and using cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and other tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age

Andrea Villanti, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Vermont

10:15 AM S.43 - An act relating to limiting prior authorization requirements for medication-assisted treatment

Georgia Maheras, Vice President of Policy and Programs, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Jill Sudhoff-Guerin, Government Relations Director, Vermont
Medical Society

Deborah Wachtel, Assistant Professor, UVM College of Nursing,
Vermont Nurse Practitioners' Association

10:30 AM Childcare Demand Study

Rupa Datta, Vice President and Senior Fellow, NORC at the
University of Chicago

Janet McLaughlin, Interim CEO, Let's Grow Kids

Reeva Murphy, Deputy Commissioner, Child Development
Division, Department for Children and Families

Carolyn Wesley, Interim Director, Building Bright Futures

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

**9:00 AM S.43 - An act relating to limiting prior authorization
requirements for medication-assisted treatment**

Mark-up and possible vote

Lisa Brouillette Hurteau, Clinical Pharmacist, Department of
Vermont Health Access

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP
Healthcare

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial
Regulation

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media
Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

9:20 AM S.86 - An act relating to increasing the legal age for buying and using cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and other tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

9:30 AM S.65 - An act relating to banning baby bumper pads

Rebecca Bell, MD, FAAP, Pediatric Critical Care Physician

9:40 AM S.73 - An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers

Catherine Fulton, Executive Director, Vermont Program for
Quality in Health Care (VPQHC)

Stephen Merena, Vermont Podiatric Medical Association

Virginia Renfrew, Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists

10:00 AM S.55 - An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials

Bill Driscoll, Vice President, Associated Industries of Vermont

Suzanne Hartigan, Senior Policy Director, American Chemistry
Council

10:20 AM S.31 - An act relating to informed health care financial decision making and the consent policy for the Vermont Health Information Exchange

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont
Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP
Healthcare

Gini Milkey, Director, Community of Vermont Elders (COVE)

Heather Riemer, AFT-VT

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media
Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

Lois Whitmore, Community of Vermont Elders (COVE)

Scott Woodward, Pomfret

11:15 AM **S.31 - An act relating to informed health care financial decision making and the consent policy for the Vermont Health Information Exchange**

Doug Hoffer, State Auditor, State Auditor's Office

11:45 AM **Committee Discussion**

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Friday, February 15, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Primary Care Spending**

Michele Degree, Health Policy Advisor, Green Mountain Care Board

Sarah Lindberg, Health Services Researcher, Green Mountain Care Board

9:30 AM Mental Health Payment Reform

Dillon Burns, Director of Mental Health Services, Vermont Care Partners

Alicia Cooper, Director of Payment Reform, Reimbursement and Rate Setting, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Selina Hickman, Director of Policy and Planning, Department of Mental Health

Sarah Squirrel, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

10:00 AM ACO and Service Integration

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Victoria Loner, Chief Operating Officer, OneCare Vermont

Beth Tanzman, Executive Director, Blueprint for Health, Department of Vermont Health Access

11:00 AM Child Grant

Laura Bernard, Coordinator, Early Childhood Services, Department of Mental Health

Laurel Omland, Operations Chief, Child, Adolescent and Family Unit, Department of Mental Health

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **Youth Culture in Finland and Vermont**

Holly Morehouse, Executive Director, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.
Lasse Siurala, International Expert on Youth Culture

10:20 AM **ACO and Service Integration**

Breena Holmes MD, Director of Maternal and Child Health,
Department of Health
Scott Johnson

11:00 AM **S.55 - An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials**

Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest
Research Group

11:15 AM **S.73 - An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers**

Elina Koumjian

11:30 AM **Opioid Coordination Council Report**

Jolinda LaClair, Director of Drug Prevention Policy, Governor's
Opioid Coordination Council

11:50 AM **Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition**

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM **Trip to Gifford Hospital in Randolph**

Dan Bennett, President and CEO, Gifford Health Care

Ken Borie, Family Medicine, Gifford Health Care

Patrick Clark, Gifford Health Care

Jeff Hebert, Vice President of Finance, Gifford Health Care

Ashley Lincoln, Director of Development and Public Relations,
Gifford Health Care

Rebecca O'Berry, Vice President of Operations, Gifford Health
Care

Michele Packard, Gifford Health Care

Courtney Riley, Pediatrician, Gifford Health Care

Josh White, Gifford Health Care

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.55 - An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials

Mark-up

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:00 AM S.31 - An act relating to informed health care financial decision making and the consent policy for the Vermont Health Information Exchange

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Brian Murphy, Director of Pharmacy and Vendor Management, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont

9:20 AM Prevention

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM ACO and Service Integration

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

Mary Moulton, Executive Director, Washington County Mental Health Services

10:30 AM Election of Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, and Trustees of UVM and State Agricultural College

Friday, February 22, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM **S.94 - An act relating to expanding Medicaid beneficiaries' access to dental care and establishing the VDent dental assistance program**

Walk-through and introduction

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Ruth Hardy, Sponsor

8:40 AM **S.73 - An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers**

Mark-up

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of Health

David Mickenberg

- **S.86 - An act relating to increasing the legal age for buying and using cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and other tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age**

Mark-up and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

9:45 AM Affordable Housing

Jared Adler, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:50 AM Brattleboro Retreat

Overview and Updates

Louis Josephson, President and CEO, Brattleboro Retreat

10:00 AM Corrections Health Care Review: Consultant Report

Karl Becker, Senior Vice President, CGL

11:00 AM Introduction

Rick Page, Dean, Larner College of Medicine, University of
Vermont

**11:15 AM S.86 - An act relating to increasing the legal age for buying and
using cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and other tobacco
products from 18 to 21 years of age**

Andrew MacLean, Reynolds American

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **S.55 - An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials**

Mark-up

Bill Driscoll, Vice President, Associated Industries of Vermont

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Nick Sherman, Lobbyist, Toy Association

10:15 AM **Committee Bill on SUD Prevention**

Mark-up

Brian Flynn, Professor Emeritus, University of Vermont

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rebecca Ryan, Division Director, Health Promotion, American Lung Association of the Northeast

Stephanie Winters, Deputy Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

11:45 AM **S.73 - An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers**

Mark-up

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

David Mickenberg, Green Mountain Surgery Center

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM All-Payer Model: Updates from the Field

Green Mountain Care Board Meeting at the Pavilion

10:15 AM Committee Bill on SUD Prevention

- **S.7 - An act relating to social service integration with Vermont's
health care system**

Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont
Developmental Disabilities Council

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont
Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of
Health

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:10 AM S.73 - An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers

Possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Stephanie Winters, Deputy Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

11:15 AM S.31 - An act relating to informed health care financial decision making and the consent policy for the Vermont Health Information Exchange

Mark-up

Emily Brown, Director of Rates and Forms, Department of Financial Regulation

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

11:50 AM Disability Awareness Day

Nate Besio, Vermont Center for Independent Living

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.55 - An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials

Mark-up and possible vote

Allison Crowley Demag, American Chemistry Council
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Erin Sigrist, President, Vermont Retail & Grocers Association

8:45 AM Committee Bill on SUD Prevention

Claire Kendall, Co-Director, Family Center of Washington County, Parent Child Center Network
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of Health
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Holly Morehouse, Executive Director, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.

10:15 AM PR5 - Declaration of rights; right to personal reproductive liberty

Introduction and walk-through

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM S.94 - An act relating to expanding Medicaid beneficiaries' access to dental care and establishing the V Dent dental assistance program

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)
Nissa James, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

11:45 AM **S.61 - An act relating to providing meals to health care providers at conferences**

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

11:50 AM **Visiting OB/GYN Residents**

Alison Lutz, OB/GYN Resident from UVMMC

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Friday, March 1, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Committee Bill on SUD Prevention**

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of Health

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **S.42 - An act relating to requiring at least one member of the Green Mountain Care Board to be a health care professional**

Kat McGraw, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital

Jill Sudhoff-Guerin, Government Relations Director, Vermont Medical Society

10:10 AM **S.94 - An act relating to expanding Medicaid beneficiaries' access to dental care and establishing the V Dent dental assistance program**

- **S.61 - An act relating to providing meals to health care providers at conferences**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jamie Feehan, Vermont Dental Society

Nissa James, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

11:00 AM **S.65 - An act relating to banning baby bumper pads**

John Bloomer, Secretary, Vermont Senate

John Hollar, Breathable Baby

Stephanie Winters, Deputy Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

11:10 AM **S.65 - An act relating to banning baby bumper pads**

Mark-up and possible vote

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM **S.55 - An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials**

Possible vote

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

**After the
Floor**

S.94 - An act relating to expanding Medicaid beneficiaries' access to dental care and establishing the V Dent dental assistance program

Final mark-up and vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

12:10 PM Adjourn

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meetings Scheduled**

The General Assembly is on break for Town Meeting Week

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM

Senate Floor

**After the
Floor**

S.55 - An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials

- **S.61 - An act relating to providing meals to health care providers at conferences**

Final mark-up and vote

Merideth Chaudoir, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney
General's Office

10:30 AM

S.7 - An act relating to social service integration with Vermont's health care system

12:00 PM

Adjourn

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM

PR5 - Declaration of rights; right to personal reproductive liberty

Room 10

Sen. Tim Ashe, Sponsor

John Bloomer, Secretary, Vermont Senate

Joshua Diamond, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

T.J. Donovan, Vermont Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

Meagan Gallagher, President and CEO, Planned Parenthood Northern New England

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Hannah Lane, Policy Research Analyst and Business Manager, Vermont Commission on Women

Lauren MacAfee, Obstetrician and Gynecologist, University of Vermont Medical Center, Vermont Medical Society

Norman Smith, Attorney, Vermont Alliance for Ethical Health Care (VAEH)

Eleanor Spottswood, Deputy Solicitor General, Attorney General's Office

Sharon Toborg, Policy Analyst, Vermont Right to Life

Chloe White, Policy Director, ACLU of Vermont

Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights Commission

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.7 - An act relating to social service integration with Vermont's health care system**

Mark-up

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Lucie Garand, Lobbyist, OneCare Vermont

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jill Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

Falko Schilling, Lobbyist, Parent Child Centers

10:00 AM PR5 - Declaration of rights; right to personal reproductive liberty

Committee Discussion

10:30 AM S.31 - An act relating to informed health care financial decision making and the consent policy for the Vermont Health Information Exchange

Mark-up

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Healthcare

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, Community of Vermont Elders (COVE)

Gini Milkey, Community of Vermont Elders (COVE)

11:30 AM S.128 - An act relating to physician assistant licensure

Introduction

Sarah Bushweller

11:40 AM **S.7 - An act relating to social service integration with Vermont's health care system**

Mark-up

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:55 AM **S.53 - An act relating to determining the proportion of health care spending allocated to primary care**

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Friday, March 15, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.7 - An act relating to social service integration with Vermont's health care system**

Mark-up

Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services/Vermont Care

Partners

9:30 AM S.141 - An act relating to nutritional requirements for children's meals

Walk-through

Jessa Barnard, American Academy of Pediatrics, Vermont Chapter

Ronda Burns, Vice President of Tourism, Vermont Chamber of Commerce

Jennifer Costa, Government Relations Director, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Meredith Roberts, Executive Director, American Nurses Association Vermont

Tina Zuk, Government Relations Director, American Heart Association

9:45 AM S.7 - An act relating to social service integration with Vermont's health care system

Mark-up and vote

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM S.31 - An act relating to informed health care financial decision making and the consent policy for the Vermont Health Information Exchange

Mark-up

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM S.53 - An act relating to determining the proportion of health care spending allocated to primary care

Mark-up

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society
Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board
Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michele Degree, Health Policy Advisor, Green Mountain Care Board

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Lucie Garand, Lobbyist, OneCare Vermont

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

11:30 AM Senate Floor

12:45 PM S.53 - An act relating to determining the proportion of health care spending allocated to primary care

Mark-up and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

11:15 AM **Introductions and Updates**

Auburn Watersong, Director of Trauma Prevention and Resilience Development, VT Agency of Humans Services

11:30 AM **School Nutrition Day**

Kathy Alexander, Food Service Director, Mount Abraham Unified School District and Addison Northwest School District

Anore Horton, Executive Director, Hunger Free Vermont

11:40 AM **S.7 - An act relating to social service integration with Vermont's health care system**

Discussion of Amendment

Conor Kennedy, Agency of Human Services

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.7 - An act relating to social service integration with Vermont's health care system**

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Kirsten Murphy, Executive Director, Vermont Development Disabilities Council

9:30 AM **PR5 - Declaration of rights; right to personal reproductive liberty**

Committee Discussion

10:15 AM **Afterschool Programs**

Michael Mann, Associate Professor, Boise State University

Holly Morehouse, Executive Director, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.

Humberto Soriano, President, Chilean Society of Pediatrics

10:45 AM **S.73 - An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of Health

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, Green Mountain Surgery Center

11:00 AM **Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Mental Health Workforce**

Nolan Atkins, Provost, Northern Vermont University

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Al Gobeille, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **FY2020 Budget**

Michael Costa, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont
Health Access (DVHA)

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health
Access (DVHA)

10:00 AM **Break**

10:15 AM **S.128 - An act relating to physician assistant licensure**

Sarah Bushweller

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical
Practice

Christine O'Neill, President, Physician Assistants Academy of
Vermont

11:15 AM Health Care Workforce

Deborah Wachtel, Assistant Professor, UVM College of Nursing,
Vermont Nurse Practitioners' Association

11:25 AM S.31 - An act relating to informed health care financial decision making and the consent policy for the Vermont Health Information Exchange

Possible amendment

Sen. Joe Benning, Sponsor, Sponsor of Amendment
Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

- **S.53 - An act relating to determining the proportion of health care spending allocated to primary care**

Possible amendment

Sen. Randy Brock, Representative, Sponsor of Amendment
Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel
Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel
Sen. Michael Sirotkin, Reporter, Sponsor of Amendment

11:50 AM PR5 - Declaration of rights; right to personal reproductive liberty

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, March 22, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.218 - An act relating to lead poisoning prevention

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of Health

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Rep. Carl Rosenquist, Sponsor

9:30 AM S.117 - An act relating to the therapeutic use of cannabis

Walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM S.53 - An act relating to determining the proportion of health care spending allocated to primary care

Possible amendment

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board
Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Michael Sirotkin, Reporter, Sponsor of Amendment
Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

- **S.73 - An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers**

Possible amendment

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

11:00 AM **PR5 - Declaration of rights; right to personal reproductive liberty**
Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Health Care Workforce**

Mat Barewicz, Economic & Labor Market Information Chief,
Department of Labor

Sarah Buxton, Director, Workforce Policy and Performance,
Department of Labor

9:45 AM Health Care Workforce

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:10 AM PR5 - Declaration of rights; right to personal reproductive liberty

10:30 AM Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates

Joint Assembly

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Nutrition Discussion

9:30 AM Woodside

Alex Hodgetts, Clinical Services Rehabilitation Coordinator,
Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center

9:45 AM Health Care Workforce

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Lorraine Jenne, Chief Operations and Human Resources Officer, Rutland Mental Health Services

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association & Bayada Home Health

Jena Trombley, Director of Human Resources, Clara Martin Center

11:00 AM H.204 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting navigators, Medicaid records, and the Department of Vermont Health Access

Introduction and walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- H.528 - An act relating to the Rural Health Services Task Force

Introduction and walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Lucy Rogers, Sponsor

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, March 29, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Vermont Health Information Exchange

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of Health
Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

Jenney Samuelson, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Michael K. Smith, Interim President and CEO, Vermont
Information Technology Leaders (VITL)

Dan Smith, Consultant, Joint Fiscal Office

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Affordable Housing and Step-Down Beds

Rebeka Lawrence-Gomez, Deputy Director, Pathways Vermont

Jeffrey Rothenberg, Director of Community Living, Washington
County Mental Health Services

11:00 AM Affordable Housing and Step-Down Beds

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing &
Conservation Board

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **PR5 - Declaration of rights; right to personal reproductive liberty**
Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM **H.218 - An act relating to lead poisoning prevention**

Possible vote

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM **PR5 - Declaration of rights; right to personal reproductive liberty**

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Eleanor Spottswood, Deputy Solicitor General, Attorney
General's Office

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Rural Hospitals - Green Mountain Care Board Panel Discussion**

Pavilion Auditorium

10:00 AM **PR5 - Declaration of rights; right to personal reproductive liberty**

Sen. Joe Benning, Sponsor of Amendment

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM **Health Care Workforce**

Elizabeth Cote, Director, Office of Primary Care and AHEC
Program, University of Vermont

Mary Anne Sheahan, Executive Director, Vermont Talent
Pipeline Management Project

11:30 AM **H.528 - An act relating to the Rural Health Services Task Force**

Steve Maier, Executive Director, Vermont Coalition of Clinics for
the Uninsured

11:35 AM **PR5 - Declaration of rights; right to personal reproductive liberty**

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Mental Health Care Facilities

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Frank Reed, Director of Mental Health Services, Department of Mental Health

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

10:20 AM Confirmation of Governor's Appointment

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

10:30 AM FY2020 Budget

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, April 5, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Primary Care

Alicia Cooper, Director of Payment Reform, Reimbursement and Rate Setting, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health
Access (DVHA)

9:30 AM Confirmation of Governor's Appointment

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health
Access (DVHA)

**9:40 AM H.204 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting
navigators, Medicaid records, and the Department of Vermont
Health Access**

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board
Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Rep. Lori Houghton, Sponsor

Adaline Strumolo, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont
Health Access (DVHA)

**10:00 AM H.531 - An act relating to Vermont's child care and early
learning system**

Walk-through

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Theresa Wood, Reporter

**10:30 AM H.249 - An act related to the Reach Up and Reach Ahead pilot
program**

Walk-through

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

10:50 AM Vermont Health Information Exchange

Julie Lin, Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of
Dermatology, University of Vermont/Fletcher Allen Health
Care

11:00 AM Confirmation of Governor's Appointment

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

11:15 AM Parent Child Centers

Margot Holmes, Executive Director, Springfield Area Parent
Child Center

Amy Johnson, Program Manager, Northwest Counseling and
Support Services

11:30 PM Senate Floor

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

**10:00 AM H.531 - An act relating to Vermont's child care and early
learning system**

Reeva Murphy, Deputy Commissioner, Child Development
Division, Department for Children and Families

11:00 AM H.528 - An act relating to the Rural Health Services Task Force

Mark-up and possible amendment

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lucie Garand, Lobbyist, OneCare Vermont

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of Health

Rep. Lucy Rogers, Reporter

11:30 AM Vermont Health Information Exchange

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:45 AM Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights

Ed Paquin, Director, Disability Rights Vermont

Steve Pouliot, Executive Director, Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI)

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Confirmation of Governor's Appointment

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

9:15 AM Vermont Health Information Exchange

Julie Wasserman

9:30 AM Vermont Health Information Exchange

Stephen Whitaker, Telecom/IT Planning and Accountability Advocate, Montpelier

10:00 AM Break

10:10 AM Committee Discussion

10:30 AM H.524 - An act relating to health insurance and the individual mandate

Walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

11:00 AM H.531 - An act relating to Vermont's child care and early learning system

Christina Goodwin, Executive Director, Pine Forest Children's Center

Sarah Kenney, Senior Director of Policy, Let's Grow Kids

Nina Lemieux, Parent

Pam McCarthy, President, Vermont Family Network

Sonja Raymond, Executive Director, Vermont Association for the Education for Young Children

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.146 - An act relating to substance misuse prevention**

Joint meeting with House Human Services in Room 11

Katherine Becker Van Haste, Director of Health Policy, Veterans
& Business Outreach, Office of Senator Bernie Sanders

Diane Derby, Field Representative, Sen. Patrick Leahy

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs,
Agency of Education

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of
Health

11:00 AM **Health Care Workforce**

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary
Care Association

11:15 AM **Health Care Workforce**

Committee Discussion

11:30 AM

H.204 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting navigators, Medicaid records, and the Department of Vermont Health Access

- **H.528 - An act relating to the Rural Health Services Task Force**

Mark-up and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, April 12, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.57 - An act relating to preserving the right to abortion

Introduction and walk-through

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Rep. Ann Pugh, Reporter

10:00 AM Committee Discussion

10:30 AM H.249 - An act related to the Reach Up and Reach Ahead pilot program

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Rep. Marybeth Redmond, Reporter

11:00 AM **TBA**

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **Vermont Health Information Exchange**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Sarah Kinsler, Health Care Project Director, Green Mountain
Care Board

Emily Richards, Health Information Exchange/Health Information
Technology Integration Manager, Department of Vermont
Health Access (DVHA)

10:30 AM **H.57 - An act relating to preserving the right to abortion**

Room 11

Samantha Deans, University of Vermont Medical Center
Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Samatha Sheehan, Communication Manager, Vermont
Businesses for Social Responsibility
Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights Commission

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.57 - An act relating to preserving the right to abortion**

Room 10

Jessica Barquist, Director of Policy and Organizing, Vermont
Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence
Cary Brown, Executive Director, Vermont Commission on
Women
Meagan Gallagher, President and CEO, Planned Parenthood
Northern New England
Erica Gibson, University of Vermont Medical Center
Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Garin Marschall
Eleanor Spottswood, Deputy Solicitor General, Attorney
General's Office
Sharon Toborg, Policy Analyst, Vermont Right to Life

Chloe White, Policy Director, ACLU of Vermont

11:30 AM H.249 - An act related to the Reach Up and Reach Ahead pilot program

Michael Smith, Director of Operations, Department of Motor Vehicles

Karen Vastine, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.531 - An act relating to Vermont's child care and early learning system

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM H.528 - An act relating to the Rural Health Services Task Force

Possible vote

- **H.524 - An act relating to health insurance and the individual mandate**

Walk-through continued

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

10:30 AM Confirmation of Governor's Appointment

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

10:45 AM Reach Up

Michelle Fay, Executive Director, Voices for Vermont's Children
Felicia Kornbluh, Associate Professor, University of Vermont

11:15 AM Vermont Healthcare Expenditure Analysis

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board
Lori Perry, Senior Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, Green
Mountain Care Board

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, April 19, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM CMS State Innovation Model Report

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Al Gobeille, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

9:30 AM Confirmation of Governor's Appointment

Al Gobeille, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

9:45 AM H.57 - An act relating to preserving the right to abortion

Room 10

Trish Blair

Maureen Curley

Pete Gummere, St. Johnsbury

Tom Kelly

John Klar

Annisa Lamberton, Middletown Springs

Michael McShane, Braintree

Joseph Nasca M.D., Pediatrician

Ingrid Skop, Chair-elect, American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists

11:15 AM H.249 - An act related to the Reach Up and Reach Ahead pilot program

Mark-up

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:30 AM **H.57 - An act relating to preserving the right to abortion**

Lauren MacAfee, Obstetrician and Gynecologist, University of Vermont Medical Center

11:00 AM **H.531 - An act relating to Vermont's child care and early learning system**

Reeva Murphy, Deputy Commissioner, Child Development Division, Department for Children and Families

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM

H.531 - An act relating to Vermont's child care and early learning system

Committee Discussion

Emily Blistein, Director of Business Strategy, Let's Grow Kids

Matt Levin, Executive Director, Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Karen Vastine, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Rep. Theresa Wood, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services

10:30 AM H.528 - An act relating to the Rural Health Services Task Force

Mark-up

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jennifer Hollar, Director of Policy and Special Projects, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Erhard Mahnke, Coordinator, Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition

10:45 AM FY2020 Budget

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

11:15 AM H.57 - An act relating to preserving the right to abortion

Committee Discussion

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.531 - An act relating to Vermont's child care and early learning system**

Committee Discussion

9:30 AM **H.57 - An act relating to preserving the right to abortion**

Eleanor Spottswood, Deputy Solicitor General, Attorney
General's Office

Stephanie Winters, Deputy Executive Director, Vermont Medical
Society

10:00 AM **H.57 - An act relating to preserving the right to abortion**

Committee Discussion

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:15 AM **H.528 - An act relating to the Rural Health Services Task Force**

Mark-up

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

10:30 AM

H.531 - An act relating to Vermont's child care and early learning system

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Reeva Murphy, Deputy Commissioner, Child Development
Division, Department for Children and Families

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, April 26, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM Confirmation of Governor's Appointment

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children and
Families

**9:20 AM H.531 - An act relating to Vermont's child care and early
learning system**

Mark-up

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Bill Moore

Reeva Murphy, Deputy Commissioner, Child Development
Division, Department for Children and Families

10:30 AM **H.57 - An act relating to preserving the right to abortion**

Ira Bernstein, Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Vermont Medical Center

11:15 AM **H.528 - An act relating to the Rural Health Services Task Force**

Vote

11:30 AM **Adjourn**

12:15 PM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

11:30 AM **H.57 - An act relating to preserving the right to abortion**

Committee Discussion

11:45 AM **H.531 - An act relating to Vermont's child care and early learning system**

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**9:00 AM S.136 - An act relating to next steps toward implementing a
wholesale importation program for prescription drugs from
Canada**

Walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

**9:30 AM H.531 - An act relating to Vermont's child care and early
learning system**

Mark-up

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:50 AM H.57 - An act relating to preserving the right to abortion

Committee Discussion

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Vermont Health Information Exchange

Committee Discussion

9:30 AM Health Care Workforce and Budget Discussion

10:00 AM S.136 - An act relating to next steps toward implementing a wholesale importation program for prescription drugs from Canada

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

10:15 AM Health Care Workforce and Budget Discussion

11:00 AM Adjourn

Friday, May 3, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.136 - An act relating to next steps toward implementing a wholesale importation program for prescription drugs from Canada

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Carrie Phillips, Executive Officer, Vermont Board of Pharmacy

Trisha Riley, Executive Director, National Academy of State Health Care Policy

9:45 AM Funding for Expanding Medicaid Enrollees' Access to Dental Care

Sen. Tim Ashe

Sen. Jane Kitchel

10:00 AM Health Care Workforce and Budget Discussion

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.43 - An act relating to limiting prior authorization requirements for medication-assisted treatment**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **Adjourn**

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.73 - An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers**

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board
Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Amy Cooper, Manager, Green Mountain Surgery Center

9:45 AM **S.31 - An act relating to informed health care financial decision making and the consent policy for the Vermont Health Information Exchange**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

10:00 AM Adjourn

Friday, May 10, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.73 - An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board
Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel
Rep. Lori Houghton
Juli Larson, New England Vision

**9:00 AM S.31 - An act relating to informed health care financial decision
making and the consent policy for the Vermont Health
Information Exchange**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel
Benjamin Jickling, Reporter

10:00 AM Adjourn

Monday, May 13, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

12:45 AM **S.55 - An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **S.73 - An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers**

Review and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

1:30 PM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.146 - An act relating to substance misuse prevention**

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.146 - An act relating to substance misuse prevention**

Nolan Langweil, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of
Health

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.146 - An act relating to substance misuse prevention

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of Health

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **S.7 - An act relating to social service integration with Vermont's health care system**

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, May 17, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.55 - An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **S.7 - An act relating to social service integration with Vermont's health care system**

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	S.7 - An act relating to social service integration with Vermont's health care system
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Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:30 AM	S.55 - An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials
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Rep. Sandy Haas, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Meeting Details

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Thursday, May 23, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- TBD

Friday, May 24, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

- TBD

Thursday, December 5, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Committee Visit to One Care
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Colchester, VT

12:00 PM Adjourn

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM Senate Floor

**Fifteen
Minutes
after Senate
Adjourns** **Committee Discussion and Priorities**

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Review of Reports and Bills in Committee

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:15 AM Break

11:00 AM S.125 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation

Ellen Watson, Chair Vermont Board of Nursing

11:30 AM S.128 - An act relating to physician assistant licensure

Clare Buckley, Lobbyist, Leonine Public Affairs

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Debbie Ingram, Chittenden District

Christine O'Neill, President, Physician Assistants Academy of Vermont

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.83 - An act relating to prohibiting female genital mutilation or cutting**

Rep. Lori Houghton, House Health Care

9:15 AM **Break**

10:00 AM **S.128 - An act relating to physician assistant licensure**

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Sarah Bushweller

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

David Herlihy, Director of Hospital Licensing, Department of Health, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

11:00 AM **Adjourn**

2:00 PM **Governor's State of the State Address**

Friday, January 10, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.125 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact**

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation
BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM **Agency of Human Services Update**

Mike Smith, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

11:30 AM **Adjourn**

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

After the Floor **Committee Review of Reports and Reports Repealed 2020**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Budget Adjustment

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

10:00 AM Vermont All Payer Program

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Healthcare

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

10:45 AM Primary Care Workforce Shortage Solutions

Primary doctor testimony

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Fay Homan, GMCB Primary Care Advisory Group Member

Allan Ramsay, GMCB Primary Care Advisory Group Member

Valerie Rooney, MD, FAAP, Pediatrician, GMCB Primary Care Advisory Group Member

Grace Solomon, Third Year Medical Student

11:30 AM Homelessness Awareness Day

*Joint Meeting with Senate Committee on Economic Development,
Housing and General Affairs in House Chambers*

Rhianna Kendrick, Director of Operations, GroundWorks
Collaborative, Brattleboro

Renee Weeks, Director of Shelter and Clinical Services, Upper
Valley Haven, Co-Chair of the VT Coalition to End
Homelessness

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM OneCare Vermont

Room 11 Joint meeting with House Committee on Health Care

Tom Borys, Senior Director of Finance and Payment Reform,
OneCare Vermont

Victoria Loner, Chief Executive Officer, OneCare Vermont

11:00 AM Rural Health Services Task Force

Room 17

Agatha Kessler, Health Policy Director, Green Mountain Care
Board

Robin Lunge, Chair, Rural Health Services Task Force

Jill Olson, Member, Rural Health Services Task Force

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Friday, January 17, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.181 - An act relating to access to employee restrooms for individuals living with an inflammatory bowel disease**

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Sen. Dick Sears, Sponsor

- **S.243 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Drew Hazelton, Chief of Operations, Rescue Inc.

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Sen. Dick Sears, Sponsor

9:20 AM **S.263 - An act relating to the Parent Child Center Network**

Walk-through

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:30 AM **H.83 - An act relating to prohibiting female genital mutilation or cutting**

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:40 AM **S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids**

Walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM
Or After
House Floor

OneCare Vermont

Room 11 Joint meeting with House Committee on Health Care

Sara Barry, Chief Operating Officer, OneCare Vermont

Victoria Loner, Chief Executive Officer, OneCare Vermont

Marissa Parisi, Executive Director, RiseVT

11:15 AM **Adjourn**

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:30 AM **S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jennifer Costa, Government Relations Director, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Phillip Gardiner, Senior Program Officer, University of California Office of the President

Elizabeth Hamlin, Advocacy Director for New York, Massachusetts, and Vermont, American Lung Association

Tina Zuk, Government Relations Director, American Heart Association

11:45 AM **Adjourn**

1:55 PM **Senate Floor**

2:00 PM **Governor's FY2021 Proposed Budget Address**
Joint Assembly-House Chamber

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids**

Room 11

Shamura Awayle, Student, Burlington High School, Above the Influence

Grace Brown , Student, Burlington High School, Above the Influence

Safiya Ibrahim, Student, Burlington High School, Above the Influence

Qamar Ibrahim, Student, Burlington High School, Above the Influence

9:30 AM **S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids**

Room 11

Phillip Gardiner, Senior Program Officer, University of California Office of the President

10:30 AM **Break**

10:45 AM **Press Conference**

Cedar Creek Room

11:30 AM **Adjourn**

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:30 AM **Homelessness Awareness Day**

Jennifer Furey, Support Line Operator, Pathways Vermont
Rebeka Lawrence-Gomez, Deputy Director, Pathways Vermont,
and Co-Chair, Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness

9:50 AM **Break**

10:00 AM **Current Research on the Effect of Gun Waiting Periods on Suicide Prevention and Public Health**

*Joint Meeting with Senate Judiciary Committee
Room 11*

Michael Luca, Professor, Harvard Business School
Deepak Malhotra, Professor, Harvard Business School

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Friday, January 24, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids

Rebecca Bell, MD, FAAP, Pediatric Intensivist, University of Vermont Medical Center, On behalf of Vermont Medical Society

Lauren E. Faricy, Pediatric Pulmonologist, University of Vermont Medical Center, On Behalf of the Vermont Medical Society

9:30 AM S.263 - An act relating to the Parent Child Center Network

Kari Aube, Educator, Addison County Parent Child Center

Donna Bailey, Director, Addison County Parent Child Center

Margot Holmes, Executive Director, Springfield Area Parent Child Center

Amy Johnson, Program Manager, Northwest Counseling and Support Services

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

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM S.290 - An act relating to health care reform implementation

Walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **IMD Waiver and Global Commitment**

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Emma Harrigan, Director of Policy Analysis and Development, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

10:45 AM **Committee Discussion**

Possible Committee Bill

10:55 AM **Adjourn**

11:15 AM **Bi-State Primary Care Association**

Kim Anderson, Director of Development and Communications, Community Health Centers of Burlington

Brad Berryhill, Medical Director, Rutland Regional Medical Center

Georgia Maheras, Vice President of Policy and Programs, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Audrey Von Lepel, Medical Director, Northern Tier Center for Health (NOTCH)

Josh White, Chief Medical Officer, Gifford Health Care

11:45 AM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Discussion of Possible Committee Bill**

9:10 AM **S.128 - An act relating to physician assistant licensure**

Walk-through of the S.128 amendment

Margery Bower PA-C MPAS

Clare Buckley, Lobbyist, Leonine Public Affairs, Physician
Assistant Academy of Vermont

Sarah Bushweller

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont
Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

David Herlihy, Director of Hospital Licensing, Department of
Health, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical
Practice

Nissa James, Director of Communications and Legislative
Affairs, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

11:05 AM **Rural Health Care Task Force**

Report

Laura Pelosi, Member, Rural Health Services Task Force

11:40 AM **Break**

11:45 AM Mental Health Advocacy Day

Supportive housing options and continuum of care.

Need for emergency beds for adults and children; Residential programs and funding for children and transitional youth; Emergency services at UVMMC.

Diane Bugbee, Community Member

Kelly Deforge, Community Member

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids

Karl Champine, Owner, Token Glass

Kinn Elliott, Vapor Technology Association

Gaetano Putigano, Owner, 802 E-Cig Supply, Inc.

9:30 AM S.181 - An act relating to access to employee restrooms for individuals living with an inflammatory bowel disease

Amendment

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:40 AM H.83 - An act relating to prohibiting female genital mutilation or cutting

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Hayley Pierce, OB/GYN Resident from UVMHC
Absa Samba, Student Activist

10:05 AM S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids

David Anderson, Intern, Middlebury College
John Dixon, Former Chief of Police of the Petersburg Police Department, Richmond, VA., Reynolds and the Multicultural Health Marketing Group
Prospero Gogo, Cardiologist and Director, Cardiac Catheterization Lab at UVMHC, On Behalf of the Vermont Medical Society, American Heart Association, American College of Cardiology
Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health
Andrew MacLean, MMR, British American Tobacco, formerly RAI, formerly Reynolds Tobacco
Erin Sigrist, President, Vermont Retail & Grocers Association
Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont
Andrea Villanti, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Vermont

12:00 PM Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition

Eileen Peltier, Executive Director, Downstreet Housing, Residences for Recovery Initiative and VTARR, Vice Chair

12:10 PM Adjourn

Friday, January 31, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.263 - An act relating to the Parent Child Center Network

Walk-through with discussion and possible mark-up

Donna Bailey, Director, Addison County Parent Child Center
Margot Holmes, Executive Director, Springfield Area Parent
Child Center

Amy Johnson, Program Manager, Northwest Counseling and
Support Services

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Amy Shollenberger, Lobbyist, Parent Child Center Network

**9:55 AM S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products
and e-liquids**

Mark-up and Draft Fiscal Note

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

- S.128 - An act relating to physician assistant licensure

Mark-up and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

11:10 AM **Committee Discussion**

11:25 AM **Adjourn**

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **S.181 - An act relating to access to employee restrooms for individuals living with an inflammatory bowel disease**

Amendment

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of Health

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM **S.184 - An act relating to supportive youth programming**

Walk-through

Kimberly Johnson, Intern, Office of Legislative Counsel

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of Health

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:45 AM S.252 - An act relating to stem cell therapies not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:55 AM S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids

Mark-up and committee discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Skyler Genest, Director of Compliance and Enforcement, Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery

11:45 AM Blue Cross partnership with Civica Rx

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.300 - An act relating to planning for the care and treatment of patients with cognitive impairments

Sen. Randy Brock, Sponsor

- **S.302 - An act relating to establishing a mental health mobile response unit pilot program in the city of Rutland**

Sen. Brian Collamore, Sponsor

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

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor

9:30 AM S.246 - An act relating to Green Mountain Care Board authority over prescription drug costs

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor

10:00 AM S.243 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Drew Hazelton, Chief of Operations, Rescue Inc.; Chair,
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Rescue
Inc.

Margaret Laggis, EMT, Hardwick Rescue

Robert Lucas, Peer Support Leader VSP, Vermont State Police

Mark McDonough, Peer Support Leader BFD, Burlington Fire
Department

Elizabeth Novotny, Community Member

George Scribner, Enforcement Division, Vermont Fish and
Wildlife

Trevor Whipple, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

11:25 AM **S.181 - An act relating to access to employee restrooms for individuals living with an inflammatory bowel disease**

Vote

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:40 AM **S.128 - An act relating to physician assistant licensure**

Review and Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist at MMR, Nurse Educator Study Committee

11:50 AM **Adjourn**

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.83 - An act relating to prohibiting female genital mutilation or cutting**

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Andrea Green, Associate Professor, Pediatrics, University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine, Director, Pediatric New American Clinic at the UVM Children's Hospital Pediatric Primary Care

9:45 AM **Committee Discussion**

10:35 AM **S.202 - An act relating to limiting the co-payment amount for chiropractic services in certain health insurance plans**

Jeff Albertson

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Healthcare

Aimee Koch, Executive Director, VT Chiropractic Association

Addie Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

11:20 AM **S.284 - An act relating to suicide prevention initiatives**

Sen. Joe Benning, Sponsor

11:35 AM **Adjourn**

Friday, February 7, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM

H.83 - An act relating to prohibiting female genital mutilation or cutting

Vote

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:30 AM S.290 - An act relating to health care reform implementation

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lucie Garand, Lobbyist, OneCare Vermont

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

10:30 AM S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist, Vermont Cannabis Trade Association

11:25 AM Adjourn

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **S.302 - An act relating to establishing a mental health mobile response unit pilot program in the city of Rutland**

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

10:50 AM **S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids**

Committee Discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

11:15 AM **Break**

11:40 AM **PROSPER Program (PROmoting School-community-university Partnerships to Enhance Resilience)**

Amy Gale, Principal, Lyndon Town School

Sarah Kleinman, Extension Director of 4-H, Farmworker, and
Family Education Programs, University of Vermont Extension

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.125 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact

Mark-up and possible vote

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation,
Office of the Secretary of State

Meredith Roberts, Executive Director, American Nurses
Association Vermont

Deb Snell, President, VFNHP, President, AFT Vermont

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

9:45 AM Woodside

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees
Association

9:50 AM Break

10:00 AM S.290 - An act relating to health care reform implementation

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human
Services

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont
Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP
Healthcare

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary
Care Association

Victoria Loner, Chief Executive Officer, OneCare Vermont
Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board
Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media
Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

11:50 AM Emergency Room Recovery Coaching

Geoff Butler, Emergency Department Recovery Coach
Supervisor, North Central Vermont Recovery Center
Daniel Franklin, Executive Director, North Central Vermont
Recovery Center

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:15 AM H.611 - An act relating to the Older Vermonters Act

*Review of Master Plan for Aging
Joint Hearing with House Human Services
Room 10*

Gretchen Alkema, The SCAN Foundation
Megan Burke, Policy Analyst, The SCAN Foundation

**11:00 AM S.243 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service
Provider Wellness Commission**

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of Health

Peter Lynch, Chief of Training, Vermont Fire Academy

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Elizabeth Novotny, Community Member

Bradley R. Reed, President, Professional Firefighters of Vermont

11:45 AM Suicide Prevention

Steve Broer, Director of Behavioral Health, Northwestern Counseling and Support Services

JoEllen Tarallo, Executive Director, Center for Health and Learning

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, February 14, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.252 - An act relating to stem cell therapies not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Cindy Bruzzese, Director, Vermont Ethics Network

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Charity Clark, Chief of Staff, Attorney General's Office

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation,
Office of the Secretary of State

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of
Health

Daniel Weiss, Professor of Medicine, Professor of Cell and
Molecular Biology, University of Vermont

- **S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products
and e-liquids**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

**11:00 AM S.295 - An act relating to restrictions on perfluoroalkyl and
polyfluoroalkyl substances and other chemicals of concern in
consumer products**

Walk-through

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:25 PM Adjourn

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **S.125 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact**

Mark-up and vote

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation,
Office of the Secretary of State

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

10:30 AM **S.252 - An act relating to stem cell therapies not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

Mark-up

Cindy Bruzzese, Director, Vermont Ethics Network

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

David Herlihy, Director of Hospital Licensing, Department of
Health, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical
Practice

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation,
Office of the Secretary of State

- **S.246 - An act relating to Green Mountain Care Board authority over prescription drug costs**

Walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

11:45 AM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.243 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission

Mark-up, discussion and possible vote

Margaret Laggis, EMT, Hardwick Rescue

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Peter Lynch, Chief of Training, Vermont Fire Academy

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Elizabeth Novotny, Community Member

Bradley R. Reed, President, Professional Firefighters of Vermont

- **S.185 - An act relating to adopting a climate change response plan and regional planning commission involvement in identifying health care-related needs**

Walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM S.202 - An act relating to limiting the co-payment amount for chiropractic services in certain health insurance plans

Mark-up and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Healthcare

Aimee Koch, Executive Director, VT Chiropractic Association

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

11:00 AM S.290 - An act relating to health care reform implementation

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Heidi Hall, CFO, Washington County Mental Health Services

Sandy McGuire, Chief Financial and Operations Officer, Howard Center

Susan Ridzon, Executive Director, Health First

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:15 AM Department of Mental Health Ten Year Plan

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

10:20 AM **Adjourn**

10:30 AM **Election of Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges**

Joint Assembly

**After Joint
Assembly** **Senate Floor**

Friday, February 21, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM **An act relating to competency to stand trial and insanity as a defense (S.183)**

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:00 AM **S.300 - An act relating to planning for the care and treatment of patients with cognitive impairments**

Walk-through and testimony

Grace Gilbert-Davis, Executive Director, Vermont Chapter The Alzheimer's Association

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jill Sudhoff-Guerin, Policy and Communications Manager,
Vermont Medical Society

- **S.243 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service
Provider Wellness Commission**

Nolan Langweil, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**10:15 AM S.302 - An act relating to establishing a mental health mobile
response unit pilot program in the city of Rutland**

Walk-through and testimony

Dick Courcelle, Chief Executive Officer, Rutland Mental Health
Services

Kimberly Johnson, Intern, Office of Legislative Counsel

Laura Kass, Chief Services Officer-Behavioral Health, Rutland
Mental Health Services

Nolan Langweil, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Michele Michalkovic, Director of Emergency Services, Rutland
Mental Health Services

Doug Norford, Director Children and Family Services, Rutland
Mental Health Services

**10:45 AM S.295 - An act relating to restrictions on perfluoroalkyl and
polyfluoroalkyl substances and other chemicals of concern in
consumer products**

Elena Mihaly, Attorney, Conservation Law Foundation

Bradley R. Reed, President, Professional Firefighters of Vermont

Martin Wolf, Director, Product Sustainability & Authenticity,
Seventh Generation

11:25 AM Adjourn

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM S.125 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact

Discussion and possible vote

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation,
Office of the Secretary of State

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

- **S.243 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission**

Discussion and possible vote

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM S.252 - An act relating to stem cell therapies not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

11:00 AM **S.202 - An act relating to limiting the co-payment amount for chiropractic services in certain health insurance plans**

Discussion and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Healthcare

11:20 AM **Adjourn**

11:30 AM **Implicit Bias Training**

Legislative Lounge

Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights Commission

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.290 - An act relating to health care reform implementation**

Testimony

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society
Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board
Sara Barry, Chief Operating Officer, OneCare Vermont

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Rebecca Heintz, General Counsel, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

10:20 AM S.290 - An act relating to health care reform implementation

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM S.246 - An act relating to Green Mountain Care Board authority over prescription drug costs

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board
Jeff Hochberg, President, Vermont Retail Druggists

- An act relating to competency to stand trial and insanity as a defense (S.183)

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:40 AM S.243 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission

Review new draft and possible vote

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:50 AM **Habitat for Humanity**

Susan Sommer, Executive Director, Bennington County Habitat
for Humanity

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:10 AM **Committee Discussion**

9:30 AM **S.197 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on
genetic information**

Walk-through

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

10:00 AM **Break**

10:15 AM **S.243 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service
Provider Wellness Commission**

Review and possible vote

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM **S.185 - An act relating to adopting a climate change response plan and regional planning commission involvement in identifying health care-related needs**

Testimony

Charlie Baker, Executive Director, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

Chris Company, Executive Director, Windham Regional Commission

Barb Neal, Executive Director, Enhanced 9-1-1 Board

- **Relating to regional planning commission involvement in identifying health care-related needs**

Kimberly Johnson, Intern, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM **S.302 - An act relating to establishing a mental health mobile response unit pilot program in the city of Rutland**

Kimberly Johnson, Intern, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM **Break**

11:45 AM **S.302 - An act relating to establishing a mental health mobile response unit pilot program in the city of Rutland**

Vote

11:55 PM **Adjourn**

Friday, February 28, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.295 - An act relating to restrictions on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and other chemicals of concern in consumer products

Shelden Goodwin, Political Outreach Associate, Vermont Conservation Voters

Lauren Hierl, Executive Director, Vermont Conservation Voters

Patrick MacRoy, Deputy Director, Prevent Harm

Samuel Nicolai, VP Engineering and Compliance, Casella Waste Management

Martin Wolf, Director, Product Sustainability & Authenticity, Seventh Generation

10:00 AM S.252 - An act relating to stem cell therapies not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Discussion and possible vote

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Charity Clark, Chief of Staff, Attorney General's Office

Jonathon Fenton, Vermont Regenerative Medicine

10:30 AM S.297 - An act relating to the Agency of Health Care Administration

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Doug Racine, Former Secretary, Agency of Human Services
Mike Smith, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

- **S.202 - An act relating to limiting the co-payment amount for chiropractic services in certain health insurance plans**

Discussion and possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM S.252 - An act relating to stem cell therapies not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Discussion

11:25 AM Adjourn

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

10:00 AM S.290 - An act relating to health care reform implementation

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Clarke Collins, Benefits Director, Vermont Department of Human Resources

Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human Resources

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial Regulation

- **S.202 - An act relating to limiting the co-payment amount for chiropractic services in certain health insurance plans**

Possible vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

David Herlihy, Director of Hospital Licensing, Department of Health, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

11:30 AM S.290 - An act relating to health care reform implementation

Alena Berube, Director of Value Based Programs & ACO Regulation, Green Mountain Care Board

Mark Hage, Director of Benefits, Vermont-NEA

12:00 PM Adjourn

4:00 PM Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Updates

*Joint Hearing with House Committee on Health Care and House Committee on Human Services
House Chamber*

Erica Bornemann, Director, Vermont Emergency Management & Homeland Security

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Monica Caserta Hutt, Commissioner, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

Michael E. Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

Michael K. Smith, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	S.197 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information
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Emily Adams, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Unit

Leah Burke, Chief, Clinical Genetics, University of Vermont Medical Center

Robert Gleeson, Medical Consultant, American Council of Life Insurers

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Debra Leonard, Chair, Laboratory and Pathology Medicine, University of Vermont Medical Center

Falko Schilling, Advocacy Director, ACLU of Vermont

Marie Wood, Director Familial Cancer Program, Hematology/Oncology Division, Department of Medicine, Larner College of Medicine, UVM

10:00 AM

S.295 - An act relating to restrictions on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and other chemicals of concern in consumer products

Laura Brust, Assistant General Counsel, American Chemistry Council

Eileen Conneely, Senior Director, Chemical Products and Technology, American Chemistry Council

Stewart Holm, Chief Scientist, American Forest & Paper Association

Renee Lani, Manager, Chemical Products and Technology, American Chemistry Council

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:10 AM

S.185 - An act relating to adopting a climate change response plan and regional planning commission involvement in identifying health care-related needs

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Christine Vatovec, Lecturer, Rubenstein School of Environment & Natural Resources, University of Vermont

— **Relating to regional planning commission involvement in identifying health care-related needs (S.225)**

11:30 AM

S.218 - An act relating to the Department of Mental Health's Ten-Year Plan

Walk-through of amendment

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:45 AM

S.297 - An act relating to the Agency of Health Care Administration

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.290 - An act relating to health care reform implementation

Discussion and mark-up

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board
Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Victoria Loner, Chief Executive Officer, OneCare Vermont

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association

Wendy Trafton, Deputy Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

10:05 AM **Break**

10:20 AM **S.197 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information**

Discussion

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Chris Rice, Lobbyist, MMR, American Council of Life Insurers

10:50 AM **S.295 - An act relating to restrictions on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and other chemicals of concern in consumer products**

Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group

Bill Driscoll, Vice President, Associated Industries of Vermont

11:20 AM **S.185 - An act relating to adopting a climate change response plan and regional planning commission involvement in identifying health care-related needs**

Charlie Baker, Executive Director, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

Chris Company, Executive Director, Windham Regional Commission

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Vermont Department of Health

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jared Ulmer, Climate & Health Program Manager, Vermont Department of Health

12:05 PM **Adjourn**

Friday, March 13, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:50 AM **S.252 - An act relating to stem cell therapies not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

Discussion

9:10 AM **S.290 - An act relating to health care reform implementation**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

10:00 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **S.290 - An act relating to health care reform implementation**

Continued discussion and mark-up

10:45 AM

S.295 - An act relating to restrictions on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and other chemicals of concern in consumer products

Mark-up and discussion

Kimberly Johnson, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM Adjourn

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM Introduction and Remote Meeting Format

NOTE: This meeting will be held as a conference call. To participate or listen in to the call, please call (877)278-2734 and use the Pin# 124560.

9:50 AM Governor's Executive Order-COVID-19

Review of Health and Welfare Components

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Vermont
Department of Health

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- Governor's Executive Order-COVID-19

What does a public health emergency declaration mean for Executive Branch and Legislative authority?

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:10 AM Review of Federal Actions COVID-19

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Vermont
Department of Health

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media
Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

10:20 AM Community Concerns and Policy Issues - COVID-19

Committee Discussion

10:30 AM **H.742 - An act relating to Vermont's response to COVID-19**

As Passed the House

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

David Herlihy, Director of Hospital Licensing, Department of Health, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

11:15 AM **Committee Discussion**

Next Steps

11:30 AM **Adjourn**

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **H.742 - An act relating to Vermont's response to COVID-19**

Walk-through continued; beginning with Section 13 and Fiscal Note

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Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

- **COVID 19 Response**

As it relates to H.742

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Vermont
Department of Health

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health
Access (DVHA)

Robin Lunge, Green Mountain Care Board

11:10 AM H.742 - An act relating to Vermont's response to COVID-19

Discussion and Mark-up

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont
Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

David Herlihy, Director of Hospital Licensing, Department of
Health, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical
Practice

Jill Mazza Olson, COVID-19 Association Coalition

Amy Shollenberger, Lobbyist, Area Agencies on Aging

Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

Stephanie Winters, Deputy Executive Director, Vermont Medical
Society

11:45 AM Next Steps

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, March 20, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

12:30 PM Introduction

This meeting will be held as a conference call. To participate or listen in to the call, please call (877)278-2734 and use the Pin# 124560

12:35 PM COVID-19 Response

Update from Vermont Department of Health

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Vermont
Department of Health

12:45 PM H.742 - An act relating to Vermont's response to COVID-19

Mark-up and Discussion

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of
Financial Regulation

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Gabe Gilman, General Counsel, Secretary of State's Office

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont
Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation,
Office of the Secretary of State

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association

Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

Sarah Truckle, Financial Director IV, Department for Children and Families

1:45 PM **H.742 - An act relating to Vermont's response to COVID-19**

Fiscal Analysis

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

2:00 PM **COVID-19 Response**

Next Steps

2:30 PM **Adjourn**

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

2:00 PM **H.742 - An act relating to Vermont's response to COVID-19**

Review Latest Draft, Committee Discussion, Bill Mark-up and House Health Care and House Human Services Committees Bill Mark-up and Discussion

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Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont
Developmental Disabilities Council

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Vermont
Department of Health

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont
Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health
Access (DVHA)

David Herlihy, Director of Hospital Licensing, Department of
Health, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical
Practice

Rep. William J. Lippert, House Committee on Health Care

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media
Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

Rep. Theresa Wood, House Committee On Human Services

- **Adjourn**

Monday, March 23, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	H.742 - An act relating to Vermont's response to COVID-19
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Review of Draft COVID-19 Emergency Response Legislation

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

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Wednesday, March 25, 2020

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No meeting
scheduled
at this time -

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Federal Funding**

Brief Status Update

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

9:45 AM **COVID 19 Response**

Committee Discussion

10:30 AM **Updates on Outstanding Questions**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM **Committee Priorities and Next Meetings**

11:30 AM **Adjourn**

Friday, March 27, 2020

Meeting Details

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No meeting scheduled at this time	-
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Tuesday, March 31, 2020

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9:30 AM	Zoom Training <i>This will not be live streamed</i>
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10:00 AM	COVID-19 Response Updates <i>Hospitals and FQHCs</i>
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Steve Leffler, President, University of Vermont Medical Center
Georgia Maheras, Vice President of Policy and Programs, Bi-
State Primary Care Association

11:45 AM	Break
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2:00 PM Special Education K-12 COVID-19 Updates

*Joint Committee with Senate Committee on Education
Please click here for the livestream*

Jacqueline Kelleher, State Director of Special Education,
Agency of Education

Erin Maguire, Special Education Administrator/Westford-Essex
School District, Vermont Council of Special Education
Administrators

Kirsten Murphy, Executive Director, Vermont Development
Disabilities Council

Rachel Seelig, Staff Attorney, Vermont Special Education
Advisory Council

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

10:00 AM Temporary Closing of Woodside

*Joint Meeting with Senate Committee on Judiciary
This meeting will be livestreamed here*

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children and
Families

Sarah Squirrel, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

10:50 AM Break

11:00 AM Covid-19 Impact on Residential Care and Foster Care

*Joint Hearing with Senate Committee on Judiciary
continued*

Monica Caserta Hutt, Commissioner, Department of Disabilities,
Aging and Independent Living

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children and
Families

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Response Updates

Joint Hearing with Senate Committee on Education

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of Education

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

Jessica Robinson , Medicaid Programs Administrator, Agency of
Education

11:30 AM Adjourn

Friday, April 3, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Response Updates

Nursing Homes and Residential Care Homes

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association

Megan Tierney-Ward, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living

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Home Health and Hospice Services

Jessica Barquist, Director of Policy and Organizing, Vermont
Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Patrick Gallagher, Development Director, Pathways Vermont
Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

11:00 AM COVID-19 Response Updates

Support Services

Linda Johnson, Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse
Vermont

Mary Moulton, Executive Director, Washington County Mental
Health Services

JoEllen Tarallo, Executive Director, Center for Health and
Learning, Director, VT Suicide Prevention Center

Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

12:30 PM Adjourn

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Update on Federal Support Package

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

10:00 AM COVID-19 Response

Setting Priorities for Designated Agencies and Specialized Service Agencies

Bob Bick, Executive Director, HowardCenter

Rachel Cummings, Counseling Services of Addison County

Christie Everett, Director, Access and Acute Care Services,
Clara Martin Center

Beth Sightler, Executive Director, Champlain Community
Services

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

10:45 AM COVID-19 Response

Care Facility and Workforce Recommendations

Martha Maksym, President and CEO, Wake Robin Continuing
Care Retirement Community

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association

11:15 AM COVID-19 Response

Substance Use Disorder Services

Bob Bick, Executive Director, HowardCenter

Tony Folland, Clinical Services Manager and State Opioid
Treatment Authority, Department of Health

Grace Keller, Safe Recovery Program Coordinator, Howard
Center

11:45 AM COVID-19 Response

Health Alert Network

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Vermont
Department of Health

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meetings Scheduled**

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Response

Substance Use Disorder

Tom Dalton, Executive Director, Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform

Chadd Viger, Executive Director, Recovery House

10:30 AM COVID-19 Response Updates

Childcare

Steven Berbeco, Deputy Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Tricia Coates, Interim Executive Director, Lund Center

Morgan Crossman, Executive Director, Building Bright Futures

Floyd Nease, Executive Director, Lamoille Family Center

Aly Richards, Chief Executive Officer, Let's Grow Kids

Melissa Riegel-Garrett, Child Development Division Policy Director, Department for Children and Families

Sarah Truckle, Financial Director IV, Department for Children and Families

- **Covid-19 Response Committee Discussion**

Childcare

Friday, April 10, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**15 Minutes
After Floor** **COVID-19 Response Updates**
Expanding prospective payments

Victoria Loner, Chief Executive Officer, OneCare Vermont

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:45 AM **COVID-19 Response**
Committee Discussion

10:30 AM **COVID-19 Response**
Foster Care Implications

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

11:00 AM **H.742 - An act relating to Vermont's response to COVID-19**

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Implementation*

Mike Smith, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Response

Medication & Pharmaceutical Issues

Gabe Gilman, General Counsel, Secretary of State's Office

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont
Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation,
Office of the Secretary of State

Wes McMillian, Director of Pharmacy Services, UVM Medical
Center

Lindsay Smith, Assistant Professor, UVM College of Medicine

10:30 AM COVID-19 Response

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Diversity and Equity Issues*

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity, Agency of
Administration

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Vermont
Department of Health

Amanda Garces, Director of Policy, Education and Outreach,
Vermont Human Rights Commission

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All

Tabitha Moore, President, NAACP - Rutland

11:30 AM **Committee Discussion**

Thursday, April 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **COVID-19 Response**

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Update on Federal Funds*

Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services

10:30 AM **COVID-19 Response**

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Community Hospitals*

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont
Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Frank Knoll, Board Chair, North Country Hospital

Brian Nall, President and CEO, North Country Hospital

11:30 AM **Committee Discussion**

Friday, April 17, 2020

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9:00 AM **COVID-19 Response**

Broadband and Internet Issues

Clay Purvis, Director of Telecommunications and Connectivity,
Department of Public Service

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

10:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **COVID-19 Response**

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Human Services
Children's Integrated Services Update*

Steven Berbeco, Deputy Commissioner, Department for
Children and Families

Morgan Cole, Director of Children's Integrated Services,
Department for Children and Families

Chloe Leary, Executive Director, Winston Prouty Center for Child
and Family Development

11:00 AM **Committee Discussion**

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **COVID-19 Response**

*Joint Meeting with House Health Care
Vermont Health Benefit Exchange, Open Enrollment*

Adaline Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

9:45 AM **COVID-19 Response**

*Joint Meeting with House Health Care
Access to Health Care Services for Vermont Farm Workers -
Documented and Undocumented*

Jose Ignacio De La Cruz, Dairy Worker

Julia Doucet, Outreach Nurse and Nurse Case Manager, Open
Door Clinic, Middlebury

Will Lambek, Organizer, Migrant Justice

Georgia Maheras, Vice President of Policy and Programs, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Adaline Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Heidi Sulis, Executive Director, Open Door Clinic, Middlebury, and Chair, Vermont's Free and Referral Clinics

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Response

Medication Access, Pharmaceutical Issues

Lauren Bode, Vice President, Vermont Pharmacists Association, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State

Jeff Hochberg, President, Vermont Retail Druggists

Heather King, Pharmacy Systems Coordinator, Price Chopper/Market 32, Vermont Association of Chain Drug Stores

Brian Murphy, Director of Pharmacy and Vendor Management, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont

Heather Shouldice, Lobbyist, Vermont Association of Chain Drug Stores

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media
Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

11:00 AM **Committee Discussion**

Friday, April 24, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **COVID-19 Response**

*Joint Meeting with House Health Care
Emergency Rule H-2020-03-E, Coverage of COVID-19 Diagnosis,
Treatment, and Prevention*

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP
Healthcare

Jeanne Kennedy, Lobbyist, Cigna Health Care

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial
Regulation

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media
Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Response

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Cost Impacts - Health Insurance Premiums & Reserves*

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health
Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP
Healthcare

Miranda Motter, Senior Vice President for State Affairs and
Policy, American Health Insurance Plans

Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial
Regulation

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media
Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

11:30 AM COVID-19 Response

Cost Impacts - Independent Health Care Providers

Hannah Rabin, Richmond Family Medicine

Susan Ridzon, Executive Director, Health First

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Response

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Calculation of Income to Determine Farm Worker Eligibility for
Financial Assistance*

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont
Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

10:30 AM COVID-19 Response

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Crisis Standards of Care*

Cindy Bruzzese, Director, Vermont Ethics Network
Kelly Dougherty, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Health

Friday, May 1, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM COVID-19 Response

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Green Mountain Care Board Update*

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board
Alena Berube, Director of Value Based Programs & ACO
Regulation, Green Mountain Care Board
Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

10:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM COVID-19 Response

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Services Provided by Telehealth and Telephone - Updates during
COVID-19 and Continuation of Coverage*

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of
Financial Regulation
Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Christine Cooney, State Government Affairs, Cigna Health Care

Catherine Fulton, Executive Director, Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care (VPQHC)

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Healthcare

Hillary Hill, Health Care Administrator, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Nissa James, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Tiffany Lingenfelter Pierce, Medical Director, Cigna Health Care

Katie Marvin, GMCB Primary Care Advisory Group Member, Stowe Family Practice

Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

Hillary Wolfley, Associate Director, Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, Inc.

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	COVID-19 Response
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*Emergency Response Planning
Legislative Solutions Committee Discussion*

Abby Fuist, Senior Intern, Charlie Ross Class, Rubenstein School
of Environment and Natural Resources, UVM

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Susanne Young, Secretary of Administration, Agency of
Administration

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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10:00 AM	COVID-19 Response
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*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Patient Access to Telehealth, Committee Discussion*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Catherine Fulton, Executive Director, Vermont Program for
Quality in Health Care (VPQHC)

Joshua Green, Vermont Association of Naturopathic Physicians

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary
Care Association

Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

11:00 AM COVID-19 Response

Broadband Issues

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, May 8, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

2:30 PM COVID-19 Response

Childcare and Return to Work

Joint Hearing with House Committee on Health and Human Services

Steven Berbeco, Deputy Commissioner, Agency of Human Services Child Development Division

Ted Brady, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

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

Ellen Drollet, Owner, Family Child Care Home Program, Burlington

Alyson Gryzb, Owner, Bennington Early Childhood Center

Sarah Kenney, Senior Director of Policy, Let's Grow Kids

Aly Richards, Chief Executive Officer, Let's Grow Kids

Melissa Riegel-Garrett, Child Development Division Policy Director, Agency of Human Services Child Development Division

Beth Truzansky, Deputy Director, Building Bright Futures

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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10:00 AM	S. - An act relating to establishing a health care emergency State plan
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*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Human Services
Walk-through, Committee Discussion*

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Committee Discussion
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10:00 AM	S. - health insurance coverage for telehealth and telephone services
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Thursday, May 14, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S. - health insurance coverage for telehealth and telephone services

*Joint Meeting with the House Committee on Health Care
Testimony*

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of
Financial Regulation

Nissa James, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont
Health Access (DVHA)

10:00 AM COVID-19 FY2020 Proposed Budget Adjustment

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Update from Agency of Human Services*

Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services

10:45 AM COVID-19 FY2020 Proposed Budget Adjustment

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Department Updates*

Alicia Cooper, Director of Payment Reform, Reimbursement and
Rate Setting, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health
Access (DVHA)

Lisa Schilling, Financial Director, Department of Vermont Health
Access (DVHA)

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

11:30 AM COVID-19 FY2020 Proposed Budget Adjustment

Department Updates

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children and
Families

Sarah Truckle, Financial Director IV, Department for Children
and Families

Friday, May 15, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

11:40 AM **Committee Discussion**

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **H.572 - An act relating to the Maternal Mortality Review Panel**

Introduction, Walk-through

Rep. James Gregoire, Reporter, House Committee On Human
Services

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **S.295 - An act relating to restrictions on perfluoroalkyl and
polyfluoroalkyl substances and other chemicals of concern in
consumer products**

Amendment Committee Discussion

Rep. Jessica Brumsted, Reporter, House Committee On Human
Services

Cindy Bruzzese, Executive Director & Clinical Ethicist, Vermont
Ethics Network

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

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Rep. David Durfee, Reporter, House Committee on Health Care

Olivia Graffeo-Cohen, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

Rep. Sandy Haas, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services

David Herlihy, Director of Hospital Licensing, Department of Health, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State

Rep. Lori Houghton, Member, House Committee on Health Care

Rep. Francis McFaun, Sponsor

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Lucy Rogers, Reporter, House Committee on Health Care

Rep. Carl Rosenquist, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services

A.J. Ruben, Supervising Attorney, Disability Rights Vermont

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM

Committee Discussion

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S. - health insurance coverage for telehealth and telephone services

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Committee Discussion*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

10:00 AM COVID-19 Response

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Patient Access to Health Care Services Delivered Through
Telehealth*

Catherine Fulton, Executive Director, Vermont Program for
Quality in Health Care (VPQHC)

Nissa James, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont
Health Access (DVHA)

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary
Care Association

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM Committee Discussion

Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Friday, May 22, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Response

Childcare Facility Guidelines

Steven Berbeco, Deputy Commissioner, Agency of Human Services Child Development Division

Ted Brady, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Morgan Crossman, Executive Director, Building Bright Futures
Sen. Ruth Hardy

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

Judy Rex, Director of Policy and Planning, Department of Children and Families

Aly Richards, Chief Executive Officer, Let's Grow Kids

Melissa Riegel-Garrett, Child Development Division Policy Director, Agency of Human Services Child Development Division

Vicky Senni, Co-Director, Turtle Island Children's Center

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

11:00 AM **Committee Discussion**

Coronavirus Relief Fund Discussion

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **COVID-19 Response**

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Health Care Systems Financial Update*

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont
Association of Hospitals and Health Systems
Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont
Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association
Susan Ridzon, Executive Director, Health First
Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

9:45 AM COVID-19 Response

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Agency of Human Services - Health Care Systems Financial
Update*

Mike Smith, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

10:30 AM COVID-19 Response

*Joint Meeting with the House Committee on Health Care
Health Care Systems Financial Update*

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont
Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association

Susan Ridzon, Executive Director, Health First

Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

11:15 AM S.220 - An act relating to professional regulation

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont
Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

David Herlihy, Director of Hospital Licensing, Department of
Health, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical
Practice

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation,
Office of the Secretary of State

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Response

*Patient Access to Health Care Services Delivered Through
Telehealth*

Committee Discussion

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **H.950 - An act relating to allowing remote witnesses for
advance directives for a limited time**

Committee Discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of
Health

10:30 AM H.572 - An act relating to the Maternal Mortality Review Panel

Committee Discussion

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of
Health

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**11:00 AM S. - health insurance coverage for telehealth and telephone
services**

*Joint Meeting with House Committee on Health Care
Committee Discussion*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Dr. Kate McIntosh, Medical Director, Blue Cross Blue Shield of
Vermont

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial
Regulation

Friday, May 29, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Response

Coronavirus Relief Fund Discussion

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

10:15 AM S.220 - An act relating to professional regulation

Amendment Discussion

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

**10:30 AM S. - health insurance coverage for telehealth and telephone
services**

Committee Discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

11:10 AM **H.950 - An act relating to allowing remote witnesses for
advance directives for a limited time**

Committee Discussion, Possible Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

11:00 AM **COVID-19 Response**

Coronavirus Relief Fund Committee Discussion

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM S.220 - An act relating to professional regulation

Amendment Discussion

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Vermont
Department of Health

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

10:15 AM H.635 - An act relating to regulation of long-term care facilities

Testimony, Committee Discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Sean Londergan, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Vermont Legal
Aid

Jamie Renner, Assistant Attorney General, Chair, Elder
Protection Initiative, Office of the Vermont Attorney General

Stuart Schurr, General Counsel, Department of Disabilities,
Aging & Independent Living

11:00 AM H.663 - An act relating to expanding access to contraceptives

Testimony, Committee Discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Gabe Gilman, General Counsel, Secretary of State's Office

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of
Health

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals' Association
Stephanie Winters, Deputy Executive Director, Vermont Medical
Society

- **H.572 - An act relating to the Maternal Mortality Review Panel**

Testimony, Committee Discussion

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of
Health

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	S. - health insurance coverage for telehealth and telephone services
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Committee Discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

10:30 AM	COVID-19 Response
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*Coronavirus Relief Fund
Agency of Human Services Update*

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human
Services

Michael K. Smith, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

11:15 AM H.663 - An act relating to expanding access to contraceptives

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, June 5, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Response

Coronavirus Relief Fund Discussion
Policy Recommendation Discussion for Transition Away from State of Emergency

10:30 AM H.572 - An act relating to the Maternal Mortality Review Panel

Discussion, Possible Vote

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **H.635 - An act relating to regulation of long-term care facilities**

Discussion, Possible Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

11:00 AM **Committee Discussion**
Coronavirus Relief Fund

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **COVID-19 Response**

Childcare Legislative Solutions Policy Discussion

Steven Berbeco, Deputy Commissioner, Agency of Human
Services Child Development Division

Morgan Crossman, Executive Director, Building Bright Futures
Sarah Kenney, Senior Director of Policy, Let's Grow Kids
Aly Richards, Chief Executive Officer, Let's Grow Kids
Melissa Riegel-Garrett, Child Development Division Policy
Director, Agency of Human Services

10:30 AM **Committee Discussion**

Coronavirus Relief Fund

11:00 AM **H.424 - An act relating to the Interstate Compact on the
Placement of Children**

Patricia Casanova, VT Deputy Compact Administrator ICPC/ICJ,
Human Trafficking Consultant, Department for Children and
Families

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

11:30 AM **H.795 - An act relating to increasing hospital price
transparency, hospital sustainability planning, provider
sustainability and reimbursements, and regulators' access to
information**

Committee Discussion

Rep. Lucy Rogers, Member, House Committee on Health Care

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM COVID-19 Response

Coronavirus Relief Fund Health Care Sector Considerations

Monica Caserta Hutt, Commissioner, Department of Disabilities,
Aging and Independent Living

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

Megan Tierney-Ward, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living

Linda Wichlac, President, Vermont Association for Adult Days

11:15 AM Committee Discussion

Coronavirus Relief Funding for the Brattleboro Retreat

Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services

Sarah Squirrel, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Friday, June 12, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM H.960 - An act relating to miscellaneous health care provisions

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

10:30 AM COVID-19 Response

Food Security Issues Committee Discussion

Sean Brown, Deputy Commissioner, Economic Services
Division, Department for Children and Families

Anore Horton, Executive Director, Hunger Free Vermont

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Helen Rortvedt, Farm to School Program Director, NOFA VT

Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont
Farm to School Network

John Sayles, CEO, Vermont Foodbank

Nicole Whalen, Director of Communications and Public Affairs,
Vermont Foodbank

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

11:00 AM **Committee Discussion**

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Response

Coronavirus Relief Fund Proposal

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

10:15 AM Committee Discussion

Review of legislation referred to House Committee on Health Care

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

11:15 AM H.960 - An act relating to miscellaneous health care provisions

Committee Discussion

Jessa Bernard, Vermont Medical Society

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Bard Hill, Policy and Planning Director, Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living

11:45 AM S. - health insurance coverage for telehealth and telephone services

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM S.128 - An act relating to physician assistant licensure

Review of House Proposal

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

9:45 AM H.960 - An act relating to miscellaneous health care provisions

VPharm Discussion

Jason Williams, Director of Government and Community
Relations, University of Vermont Medical Center

10:00 AM H.960 - An act relating to miscellaneous health care provisions

Prior Authorization

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board
Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP
Healthcare

Jeanne Kennedy, Lobbyist, Cigna Health Care

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, America's Health Insurance Plans

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media
Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

10:30 AM H.960 - An act relating to miscellaneous health care provisions

Act 91 Extension Provisions

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association

11:30 AM COVID-19 Response

Coronavirus Relief Fund Proposal

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, June 19, 2020

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Meeting Record

**9:00 AM H.965 - An act relating to health care- and human services-
related appropriations from the Coronavirus Relief Fund**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont
Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:15 AM H.960 - An act relating to miscellaneous health care provisions

Continued Testimony, Committee Discussion

Alicia Cooper, Director of Payment Reform, Reimbursement and
Rate Setting, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental
Health

Nancy Hogue, Director of Pharmacy Services, Department of
Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Louis Josephson, President and CEO, Brattleboro Retreat

Craig Miskovich, Attorney, Brattleboro Retreat

Jessica Oski, Lobbyist, United Nurses and Professionals (UNAP)

10:45 AM H.572 - An act relating to the Maternal Mortality Review Panel

Committee Discussion, Vote

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM Committee Discussion

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Monday, June 22, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:00 AM H.965 - An act relating to health care- and human services-related appropriations from the Coronavirus Relief Fund

Agency Testimony

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services

11:20 AM H.960 - An act relating to miscellaneous health care provisions

Agency Testimony

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services

11:45 AM H.965 - An act relating to health care- and human services-related appropriations from the Coronavirus Relief Fund

Community Investments

Victoria Loner, Chief Executive Officer, OneCare Vermont

12:00 AM H.965 - An act relating to health care- and human services-related appropriations from the Coronavirus Relief Fund

Committee Discussion, Mark up

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:45 AM **H.960 - An act relating to miscellaneous health care provisions**

Committee Discussion, Mark up

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

12:15 PM **H.960 - An act relating to miscellaneous health care provisions**

Committee Discussion, Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

12:45 PM **H.965 - An act relating to health care- and human services-
related appropriations from the Coronavirus Relief Fund**

Committee Discussion, Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

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- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Thursday, June 25, 2020

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- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Friday, June 26, 2020

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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

10:30 AM **Committee Discussion**

11:00 AM **H.967 - An act relating to the provision of child care at family child care homes during remote learning days**

Joint Meeting with House Committee on Human Services

Meeting live streamed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCttFrXkkFI2e3d3DEVKZC0Q/video:sort=dd&flow=list>

Steven Berbeco, Deputy Commissioner, Child Development
Division, Department for Children and Families

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and
Families

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Christel Michaud, Director of Childcare Licensing, Division of
Child Development, Department for Children and Families

Aly Richards, Chief Executive Officer, Let's Grow Kids

Sarah Truckle, Financial Director IV, Department for Children
and Families

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.663 - An act relating to expanding access to contraceptives

Proposed amendment and committee discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

9:20 AM H.611 - An act relating to the Older Vermonters Act

Introduction, testimony, committee discussion

Ruby Baker, Executive Director, Community of Vermont Elders
(COVE)

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Angela Smith Dieng, Director, Adult Services, Department of
Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living

Janet Hunt, Executive Director, Vermont Association of the Area
Agencies on Aging

Rep. Daniel Noyes, Member, House Committee On Human
Services

Rep. Theresa Wood, Member, House Committee On Human
Services

**11:00 AM H.607 - An act relating to increasing the supply of nurses and
primary care providers in Vermont**

Introduction, testimony, committee discussion

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Annmarie Christensen, Member, House Committee on Health Care

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Rep. Peter Reed, Representative, House Committee on Health Care

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	COVID-19 Response
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Agency of Human Services Coronavirus Relief Fund Update

Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services

9:50 AM	Break
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10:00 AM	H.795 - An act relating to increasing hospital price transparency, hospital sustainability planning, provider sustainability and reimbursements, and regulators' access to information
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Committee amendment discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

11:00 AM H.663 - An act relating to expanding access to contraceptives

Committee discussion, vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:20 AM S.252 - An act relating to stem cell therapies not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Walk through, committee discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:40 AM H.795 - An act relating to increasing hospital price transparency, hospital sustainability planning, provider sustainability and reimbursements, and regulators' access to information

Walk through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, August 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:30 AM **COVID-19 Response**

Childcare Hub Program Update

Steven Berbeco, Deputy Commissioner, Child Development Division, Department for Children and Families

Miranda Gray, Child Care Hubs Project Manager, Child Development Division, Department for Children and Families

Holly Morehouse, Executive Director, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.

Geoffrey Pippenger, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, Department for Children and Families/Economic Services Division

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Governor's Recommended Restatement of the FY21 State Budget

Agency of Human Services and Departmental Updates

Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Lisa Schilling, Financial Director, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Shannon Thompson, Financial Director, Department of Mental Health

11:00 AM Committee Discussion

11:15 AM H.967 - An act relating to the provision of child care at family child care homes during remote learning days

Walk through

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

Thursday, September 3, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Governor's Recommended Restatement of the FY21 State Budget

Department for Children and Families Update

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Sarah Truckle, Financial Director IV, Department for Children and Families

10:00 AM Child Care Financial Assistance for Providers Overview

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

10:15 AM COVID-19 Response

School Public Health Precaution Update

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Agency of Education

10:50 AM H.607 - An act relating to increasing the supply of nurses and primary care providers in Vermont

Testimony, committee discussion

Elizabeth Cote, Director, Office of Primary Care and AHEC Program, University of Vermont

11:15 AM H.611 - An act relating to the Older Vermonters Act

Testimony, committee discussion

Deanna Jones, Benefits Program Analyst, Vermont Association of Senior Centers and Meal Sites

Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

Jamie Renner, Assistant Attorney General, Chair, Elder Protection Initiative, Office of the Vermont Attorney General

Friday, September 4, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **H.967 - An act relating to the provision of child care at family
child care homes during remote learning days**

Amendment walk through

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel

- **H.723 - An act relating to telehealth**

Amendment walk through

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Alena Berube, Director of Value Based Programs & ACO
Regulation, Green Mountain Care Board

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Victoria Loner, Chief Executive Officer, OneCare Vermont

**11:10 AM Governor's Recommended Restatement of the FY21 State
Budget**

Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living Update

Monica Caserta Hutt, Commissioner, Department of Disabilities,
Aging and Independent Living

Bill Kelly, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Disabilities,
Aging & Independent Living

Megan Tierney-Ward, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living

**11:45 AM H.967 - An act relating to the provision of child care at family
child care homes during remote learning days**

Vote

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.795 - An act relating to increasing hospital price transparency, hospital sustainability planning, provider sustainability and reimbursements, and regulators' access to information

Amendment walk through, discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:30 AM H.607 - An act relating to increasing the supply of nurses and primary care providers in Vermont

Committee discussion

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society
Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Joshua Green, Vermont Association of Naturopathic Physicians
Rick Page, Dean, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont

10:30 AM H.611 - An act relating to the Older Vermonters Act

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM Woodside Update

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Sarah Truckle, Financial Director IV, Department for Children and Families

11:30 AM Parent Child Centers

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

Sarah Truckle, Financial Director IV, Department for Children
and Families

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Mental Health and Public Safety Update**

Karim Chapman, Executive Director, Vermont Psychiatric
Survivors

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental
Health

Anthony French, Station Commander, Vermont State Police

George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, Health Care and
Rehabilitation Services of Southeast Vermont

Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Wilda White, Chair, Mental Health Crisis Response Commission

10:30 AM **COVID-19 Response**

School Public Health Precaution Update

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs,
Agency of Education

Breena Holmes MD, Director of Maternal and Child Health,
Department of Health

11:30 AM **H.611 - An act relating to the Older Vermonters Act**
Committee discussion

Friday, September 11, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Department of Financial Regulation Vaccination Proposal**
Joint Meeting with the House Committee on Health Care
Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial
Regulation

9:40 AM **Break**

10:00 AM **H.611 - An act relating to the Older Vermonters Act**
Committee Discussion

- **H.607 - An act relating to increasing the supply of nurses and
primary care providers in Vermont**
Committee Discussion

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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After the Floor	Committee Discussion
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10:30 AM	Review of Health and Welfare Policies in the Budget
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Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Review of Health and Welfare Policies in the Budget
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Nolan Langweil, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM	Committee Discussion
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Thursday, September 17, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM COVID-19 Response

*Joint Meeting with the House Committee on Health Care
Coronavirus Relief Fund Allocations and Expenditures*

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human
Services

Sara Chesbrough, Equity Technical Coordinator, Health
Operations Center, Department of Health

Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health
Access (DVHA)

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of
Health

10:00 AM Child Care Financial Assistance for Providers Overview

Review of Budget Language

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and
Families

Sarah Truckle, Financial Director IV, Department for Children
and Families

10:45 AM Break

11:00 AM **H.795 - An act relating to increasing hospital price transparency, hospital sustainability planning, provider sustainability and reimbursements, and regulators' access to information**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM **Break**

11:30 AM **H.969 - An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government**

Proposed amendment discussion

Sen. Becca Balint, Windham County

Karen Barber, General Counsel, Department of Mental Health

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Friday, September 18, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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After the Floor	No Committee Meeting Scheduled
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Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

11:00 AM	H.607 - An act relating to increasing the supply of nurses and primary care providers in Vermont
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Discussion of Amendment Proposal by Senate Appropriations Committee

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Friday, September 25, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

10:45 AM **Committee Discussion**
