

Weekly Legislative Preview:

Committee Hearings:

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Joint Legislative Corrections Oversight Committee

10:00 a.m. Room 10 (Small Hearing Room)

10:00 AM

Monthly Reports

Andy Pallito, Commissioner, Dept. of Corrections

10:15 AM

Investigations Concerning Inmate Death

Andy Pallito, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Kate Duffy, Commissioner, Department of Human
Resources

Matthew Valerio, Defender General

10:40 AM

Pre-Trial Screening

Matthew Valerio, Defender General

Rapid Arraignment Program

Thomas J. Donovan, Vermont State's Attorney, Chittenden
County

Sparrow Project

Karen Gennette Esq., Programs Manager, Court
Administrator's Office

11:20 AM

Committee Discussion

CSG Recommendations and Annual Report

12:00 PM

Lunch

12:30 PM

Bail Review

Hon. Amy Davenport, Administrative Judge

12:50 PM

Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility

Andy Pallito, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

- 1:10 PM **Housing in the Community**
Dale Crook, Correctional Field Services Specialist,
Department of Corrections
- 1:30 PM **Cost Benefit Study**
Max Schleuter, Executive Director, Vermont Center for
Justice Research
- 1:50 PM **Department of Corrections Staff**
Steve Howard, Legislative Director, Vermont State
Employees Association-*invited*
- 2:10 PM **Health Care Coverage for DOC Population**
Coverage of Court- Ordered Treatment
Susan Donegan, Commissioner, Department of Financial
Regulation-*invited*
- Medicaid for individuals going in and out of DOC custody*
Delores Burroughs-Biron MD, Health Services Director,
Department of Corrections
Lori Collins, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Vermont Health Access (DVHA)
Selina Hickman, Policy Director, Department of Vermont
Health Access (DVHA)
Richard Giddings, Deputy Commissioner, Department for
Children and Families
- 2:40 PM **Substance Abuse Treatment**
Update and Committee Discussion
Barbara Cimaglio, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Health

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Lake Shoreland Protection Commission

10:00 a.m. Room 10 (Small Hearing Room)

Property Tax Exemption Study Committee

1:00 p.m. Room 11 (Large Hearing Room)

1:00 PM	Review Draft Legislation Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council
1:30 PM	Review Exempt Property Tax Estimate Sara Teachout, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
2:00 PM	Public Comment <i>Members of the public may sign up to testify</i>
2:15 PM	Committee Discussion

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules

10:00 a.m. Room 10 (Small Hearing Room)

10:00 a.m.	Convene, Review, and Approve Minutes of October 17, 2013.
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10:05 AM	13-P34 - All Programs: Verification Process Change <i>Agency of Human Services, Department for Children & Families</i> http://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/rules
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Pat Duda, Director of Food & Nutrition, Department for Children and Families

10:20 AM	13-P27 - Telephone Use <i>Agency of Human Services, Department of Corrections</i> http://doc.vermont.gov/about/policies/rpd/posted_for_comment/telephone-use-rule-102513
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Mary Jane Ainsworth, Policy & Implementation Analyst,
Department of Corrections

Robert Larose, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Corrections

David Turner, Policy Development & Offender Due
Process Administrator, Department of Corrections

10:40 AM

13-P30 - Rule 2.000: Health Insurance Rate Review

Green Mountain Care Board

<http://www.gmcboard.vermont.gov/rules>

Michael Donofrio, Attorney, Green Mountain Care Board

11:00 AM

**#13-P01 - Regulation Establishing Standards for Emergency
Involuntary Procedures**

Agency of Human Services, Department of Mental Health

<http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/policy>

Paul Dupre, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Dena Monahan, Sr. Assistant Attorney General,
Department of Mental Health

11:40 AM

**#13-P02 - Licensing and Operating Regulations for
Therapeutic Community Residences**

*Agency of Human Services, Department of Disabilities, Aging &
Independent Living*

<http://www.dail.vermont.gov/dail-statutes>

Stuart Schurr, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living

Frances Keeler, Director of Licensing and Protection,
Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent
Living

12:30 PM

Adjourn

**[Study Committee on Future Funding for the Vermont Center for Crime
Victims Services](#)**

12:30 pm Room EA (Ethan Allen Room)

- 12:30 PM **Chittenden County Restitution Pilot Project**
Hon. Brian Grearson, Judge, Chittenden County Superior
Court via Phone
- 1:00 PM **Quasi-State Entities**
State Employees & Associated Pay Act
James Reardon, Commissioner, Department of Finance &
Management
- 1:30 PM **Collection Processes & Earned Income Tax Credit**
Maribeth Spellman, Director of Policy, Outreach and
Legislative Affairs, Department of Taxes
- 2:00 PM **Cost, Billing, and Potential Caps for Rape Exams**
Joan Carson, RN, CEN, SANE-A, SANE-P, Clinical
Coordinator, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program
(SANE)
- 2:15 PM **Cost, Billing, and Potential Caps for Rape Exams**
Jill Olson, Vice President of Policy & Legislative Affairs,
Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems
- 2:30 PM **Follow Up on Criminal Fine Collection Data**
Patricia Gabel, Court Administrator
- 2:45 PM **Office of Child Support Collection Procedures**
Jeffrey Cohen , Director, Office of Child Support
- 3:15 PM **Report Topics; Preliminary Issue Summary**
Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal
Office
Maria Belliveau, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal
Office

3:30 PM

Report Topics

Committee Discussion

4:00 PM

Adjourn

House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs

11:00 AM Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington

11:00 AM

Vermont Veterans' Home

Tour of Home

Discussion with Administrator and Board of Trustees President

Lunch

Melissa Jackson, Administrator, VT Veterans' Home

Joseph Krawczyk, President, Board of Trustees, Vermont
Veterans' Home

1:00 PM

Travel to Bennington Free Library

101 Silver Street

Bennington, Vt 05201

1:30 PM

Discussion with Veterans' Home Staff

2:30 PM

Committee Discussion

Veterans' Home

Legislative Agenda

4:30 PM

Adjourn

Health Care Oversight Committee

9:00 a.m. Room 11 (Large Hearing Room)

Vermont Child Poverty Council

Room 31 (House Agriculture)

House Committee on Ways and Means

9:00 AM Room 34 (House Ways and Means)

9:00 AM

Preliminary Education Fund Outlook for FY2015

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Mary Peterson, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

9:30 AM

Supplemental Property Tax Relief Fund

Fund Balance and General Fund Transfer

Review of Historical Trends in Education Fund Revenue Sources

- JFO, January 15th

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

10:00 AM

Vermont Health Connect

Exchange Update

Mark Larson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont
Health Access (DVHA)

10:20 AM

Late-filed Homestead Declarations in 2013

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Steve Jeffrey, Executive Director, Vermont League of
Cities and Towns

10:40 AM

Review of House-Passed Bills

*- Miscellaneous Education Finance Amendments (H.538 As Passed
by House)*

- Access to Publicly Funded Pre-K (H.270)

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

11:00 AM

Homestead Education Tax Proposal

H.164 As Introduced

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

12:00 PM

Update on Study Committees

- *Senate Committee on the Status of Current Use*
- *Property Tax Exemption Study Committee*

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

Sara Teachout, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

12:30 PM

Reports

- *Student to Staff Ratios - Agency of Education, January 15th*
- *Renter Rebate Study - JFO, January 15th*

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Brad James, Director, Agency of Education

Impact of Federal Reductions on Schools

William Talbott, Deputy Commissioner, Agency of Education

12:45 PM

Adjourn

Other meetings:

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Korean War Veterans Ceremony in House Chamber and reception in the Cedar Creek Room.

Weekly Legislative Report:

Committee Hearings:

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

House Committee on Health Care

- Medicaid ACO – Mark Larson, Kara Suter, Susan Barrett (Director of Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association), Jack Donnelly (CEO Community Health Centers of Burlington). [*VTDigger Article 11/5/2013*](#).
 - State Health Care Innovation Plan discussion.
 - ACO as part of payment and service delivery model.
 - ACO Shared Savings Program – performance-based contract between payer and provider organization that sets forth a value-based program for shared savings.
 - Year one SSP Experience: 18 of 32 health systems lowered Medicare costs, improved patient care, and \$33 million in net savings to Medicare trust fund.
 - Year two will allow participating ACO to take a broader reform role.
 - Year three will broaden cost of care.
 - Committee members ask, ‘what is the rush?’ to which the response is: voluntary program, way to engage providers in reform.
- Vermont Health Connect Update – Mark Larson, Robin Lunge, Kevin Goddard, Susan Gretowski, Christine Alibrandi (Delta Dental), navigators.
 - Many questions about numbers and whether this outcome was predicted. Even if numbers bump up, still doesn’t look good. Mark Larson responds that if you look at Mass Connector, sign up rates look like a hockey stick with a dramatic increase as deadline looms.
 - 50 percent improvement in page load times between weeks one and four.
 - Discussion of partnerships with businesses, hospitals, libraries, and VPIRG as well as VHC events around the state.
- Committee Priorities.

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

House Committee on Education

- Current Education Issues – Armando Vilaseca, Ken Page. [*VTDigger Article 11/6/2013*](#).
 - Extending school day.
 - School district consolidation discussion of whether state should mandate consolidation.
 - Childhood poverty and relation to extended school day.
 - Flexible pathways, PLP accomplishments.
- Committee Discussion and Planning – Steve Dale

House Committee on Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources

- Stream Alteration Law – Mike Kline, Rivers Program Mnager, DEC.
- Shorelands Commission Review Discussion.
- ACT 138 Draft bill – walk through by leg counsel and upcoming issues discussion.

House Committee on Government Operations

- Committee Discussion and Organization – Albert Coccagna (User Support Specialist) and BetsyAnn Wrask (Leg Counsel).

Friday, November 8, 2013

Mental Health Oversight Committee - Joint meeting with the Health Care Oversight Committee

- Mental Health System of Care – Paul Dupre.
 - Adequacy of Level 1 System and Community System, Funding Projections, and Projected Personnel Needs at Berlin Psychiatric Hospital
- Mental Health System of Care at Level 1 Hospitals – Lauren Tronsgard-Scott, (Nurse Manager of Inpatient Mental Health Unit, FAHC), Jeffrey McKee, Psy.D, (Director of Psychiatric Services, Rutland Regional Medical Center), Lesa Cathcart, (Rutland Regional Medical Center), Paul Capcara, (Clinical Nurse Manager, Adult Acute Care Unit, Brattleboro Retreat).
- Community Mental Health System - Mary Moulton, (Executive Director, Washington County Mental Health Service), Nick Emlen, (Mental Health Systems Coordination, Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services).
- Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Personnel Needs – Steve Howard, (Legislative Director, Vermont State Employees Association).
- Mental Health System of Care – SFY2015 Jim Reardon.

Precious Metal Dealers

- Committee Discussion.