



**Vermont Commission on Women
Health Equity Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2024
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. via teleconference
MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Nancy Kaplan, Hazel Brewster, Sarah Mell

Absent: Karen Cygnarowicz, Alex Hilliard

Recording: Sarah Mell

1. Minutes from December 7, 2023 approved

2. Check-ins on the new year

3. Update on outreach for the Not a Luxury, Inc. event:
 - Karen is doing some social media outreach and has added the 1/27 event to our newsletter
 - Nancy has been in communication with folks at UVM who are very interested in this project and will connect Emma with those resources
 - Not sure if Nancy can attend, but trying to

4. Free Standing Birthing Centers Questions:
 - What's the ask?
 - Is the legislation likely to be taken up this year?
 - ORE framework review and use that to prep for meeting
 - Are they looking for us to testify in support?
 - If individual Commissioners are in support and the whole is not, what might they be able to do to support the legislation
 - It's hard to sign on to legislation that is likely to shift and change a lot in process
 - No vote on the 19th

Next meeting will be held on February 8, 2024, 3:30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.