



**Vermont Commission on Women
Health Equity Committee Meeting
Friday, November 10, 2023
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. via teleconference
MEETING MINUTES**

[Microsoft Teams](#)

Host: Sarah Mell

Present: Hazel Brewster, Sarah Mell, Nancy Kaplan

Absent: Alex Hilliard, Karen Cygnarowicz

Recording: Sarah Mell

Guests: N/A

Meeting began with Hazel and Sarah.

Service Ideas:

- Northeast Council on Aging in Danville weekly lunch
- Meal boxes in Randolph Tech Center

DEISJ Ideas:

- Changing appointment process to come through us

Nancy joined at 1:30pm.

Approved August minutes.

Free-standing birthing centers:

- Need to bring this to full Commission at some point
- Want more conversation on the Committee level

- There will likely be a bill this year where they look for our signing on - we will want to be sure we've dissected this from a DEI/most-impacted perspective before voting to co-sign

Nancy volunteers as Tribute (e.g., Chair of Committee)

Outreach to NEK for Nov. 17th:

- Nancy will send out the invite to health-related folks
- VDOH in Newport and St. Johnsbury & a couple of practices
- Sarah to outreach to NEK Human Services
- Hazel outreached to a close friend with lots of contacts and contexts

Period Product Conversation:

- Invite Emma Anderson to December Health Equity Committee Meeting - Not a Luxury
- Citizen journalism project at UVM connection
- Getting a third party to do some of the research for us
- Connect to MPH student projects

Do we want to invite Free-standing Birthing Centers to return? Perhaps present to whole Commission

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 7TH 3-4PM ON TEAMS

Meeting adjourned at 2pm.