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**Vermont Commission on Women
Women in the Criminal Legal System Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Friday, October 11, 2024 | 2:00 m – 3:00 pm

Virtual meeting

Commissioners present: Sophia Rabe and Kate Lucier

Commissioners absent: Linda Joy Sullivan and Ashley Messier

Staff present: Em O'Hara

Facilitating: Em O'Hara

Recording: Em O'Hara

Meeting called to order at 12:07pm.

1. Greetings and sharing our motivation for joining this committee

Em welcomed the group and asked them to share their motivations for joining this committee.

2. Appoint chair(s)

The group decided to table this item until all Commissioners were present.

3. Determine meeting frequency

The group decided to meet monthly ahead of each month's full Commission meeting.

4. Discuss objectives

The group discussed opportunities to hear from women who are currently experiencing incarceration (or have experienced incarceration) and their families. The group also discussed advocating for services in the new prison and focusing on prevention efforts. The priority for the next Committee meeting is to identify new ideas, priorities, and concerns for the Department of Corrections (DOC) report (due December 6, 2024).

5. Identify next steps

Kate to go through the DOC data and send us any relevant findings ahead of the next Commission meeting (October 18).

Adjourned at 2:58 pm.

Next meeting: During the full VCW public business meeting on Friday, October 18th at 9 am.