

**Vermont Commission on Women
Reproductive Justice & Women's Health Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Friday, October 18, 2024 | 9:00 am – 10:am
Virtual meeting

Commissioners present: Hazel Brewster, Nancy Kaplan, and Aleta Sprague

Commissioners absent: Esther Charlestin, Susan Sussman

Advisors Present: Logan Snow, PPNNE

Staff present: Ellie Lane

Facilitating: Nancy Kaplan

Recording: Ellie Lane

Meeting called to order at 9:13 am.

1. Welcome & introductions

Nancy welcomed the group and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

The group summarized what occurred at the last meeting for people who missed that meeting; the group continued the discussion about the committee's name. Advisory Council Member Logan Snow with Planned Parenthood shared their approach and decision to not claim the reproductive justice language.

2. Discuss VCW policy statements and the Committees' work

The group discussed briefly discussed the VCW policy statements, decided to begin with an overall statement on reproductive rights that clarifies our approach and will provide framework for more specific policy statements and expressed a need for more information.

3. Discuss next steps

The group requested that Ellie gather any similar policy statements from other women's commissions and share them in advance of our next meeting. Logan offered to see what might exist at Planned Parenthood that could be shared.

Adjourned at 10:00 am.

Next meeting: During the full VCW public business meeting on Friday, November 15th.