**HEALTH EQUITY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

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**1. Approve Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2023**

approved

**2. Announcements & Updates**

**3. Discuss VCW Policy Statement: Reproductive Rights**

The committee looked at the policy statement and broadly discussed the content.

PPNNE tends to caution against using the term “reproductive justice” because it’s a term that was coined by Black women and as a majority white organization PPNNE doesn’t feel it’s appropriate. They say that they operate from a reproductive justice framework rather than that they practice reproductive justice.

Economic justice is part of the current VCW statement which is important.

We may want to consider educational aspects of reproductive health.

Are there other organizations to bring into this conversation?

 Betsy Hassan from the American Nurses Association

 Outright VT

 VT Network

 Racial justice organizations – NAACP?

**4. Outreach for Bennington’s Public Forum**

ACT may be a good resource for our meeting in Bennington to talk about the intersection of education and health equity.

Logan has provided many suggestions and contacts for outreach for the forum, and is doing some herself and has also pulled in ACT to do some as well.

**5. Decide on the next Health Equity Committee’s meeting date and time in May 2024**

Cary will work on setting the next meeting by email, in order to include as many committee members as possible.