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Vermont Commission on Women Meeting agenda

Friday, February 16, 2024 | 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

This meeting is ONLINE ONLY

Please join via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 829 7876 9331

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Meeting facilitators: Esther Charlestin and Sarah Mell

Time	Item	Who	Outcomes	
9:30	1. Meeting called to order	Esther & Sarah	Open meeting	
	2. Approve agenda		VOTE	
	3. Review Group Agreements (attached)			
	4. Approve minutes of January 19, 2024		VOTE	
10:00	5. Committee updates	Esther & Sarah and Committee Chairs	Planning	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplace Equity & Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equal Pay Compact planning ○ Equal Pay Visibility campaign • Health Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Freestanding birth centers • Housing & Caregiving 			
	11:00 BREAK			
	11:15		6. Women Can Do survey results & youth engagement	Karen
11:45	7. Child care update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Bright Futures & Let's Grow Kids, invited 	Esther & Sarah	Share information	
12:00	7. Staff, commissioner, advisor updates	Staff	Share information	
12:30	Closing			

VERMONT COMMISSION ON WOMEN GROUP AGREEMENTS

Adopted September 9, 2022

Re-affirmed October 20, 2023

In meetings of the Vermont Commission on Women, we agree that we will:

- ❖ Treat all who are in the meeting with respect and dignity
- ❖ Listen openly to each other with curiosity and interest
- ❖ Take space, make space, hold space – this means:
 - Share as much of our authentic selves as we are comfortable with
 - Step back to allow others to speak, so that no one is dominating the conversation
 - Create opportunities for the voices that have minority opinions
- ❖ When we disagree, we do so with respect for each other's perspectives
- ❖ Be aware of our own body language and use it to communicate respect
- ❖ Acknowledge and take into consideration those perspectives that are not represented by people in the room
- ❖ Take responsibility for the impact of our words and actions on each other
- ❖ Bring self-awareness of our own state of mind, emotions, and influences
- ❖ Remember that we come to the space with differing understandings of how we communicate
- ❖ Understand we all make mistakes
- ❖ Be patient with ourselves and others
- ❖ Share the job of holding each other accountable to these agreements