



**EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 6 2019 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Teleconference**

**Commissioners present:**

Kellie Campbell (Chair)  
Marcia Merrill

**Advisors present:**

Lucy Leriche, PPNNE  
Meredith Roberts, ANA Vermont

**Staff present:**

Hannah Lane

**Presiding:**

Kellie Campbell

**Recording:** Hannah Lane

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Meeting called to order at 3:06 p.m.

- 1. Approval of the agenda**
- 2. Discussion of the VCW's potential role in statewide discussions of DCF's child protective services and next steps**

Vermont Parent Representation Center's [Bending the Curve to Improve Our Child Protection System Report](#) was presented at the March 2019 VCW meeting, as well as representatives from DCF and Legislative Working Group. Karen Vastine of DCF & Judge Gearson.

Staff capacity. Expertise. A lot more information. Are we equipped? What value would we add? This is a vast topic, and needs narrowing; maybe there is a more discrete topic such as children's health and women's health where collating and coordinating information and sharing resources would be achievable and helpful.

Is this a topic we should loop back to in the future for updates? Maybe we could call them back for updates? The Committee agreed this is a topic for monitoring.

The Committee should come up with a proposal and Kellie should bring it forward as a motion. The key points to include are:

- The topic is large and we have limited staff capacity
- People already working on this issue with more expertise
- The Education and Human Development Committee will keep apprised of what's happening and follow-up in the future – no later than the end of 2019 and report back to VCW.
- The Commission should not dedicate a lot of time to this topic.

**3. Discussion of the Vermont National Guard in advance of guest speakers coming to VCW meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Hannah will provide a timeline to Commissioners of news and statements on this issue in advance.
- Questions generated included:
  - What's the reporting process?
  - Resource allocation? Staff vacancies?
  - Retaliation protection/oversight?
  - Diversity promotion/prioritization

Women in the military are not well supported, this is a good topic to pursue.

**4. New business/priorities for fall**

- Violence in health care, abuse of women and of nurses
- Policy issues advocating for eliminating the tax on feminine hygiene products
- Title IX and Title X
- Dress Codes @ schools
- Aging workforce development
- Women in non-traditional educational paths
- Education funding for higher education
- End of life issues

**5. Updates & announcements**

ANA Vermont is off to the Capitol to visit the Vermont delegation, June 22.

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:56.**