

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

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 | 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm  
Virtual meeting

**Commissioners present:** Hazel Brewster, Esther Charlestin, Nancy Kaplan

**Commissioners absent:** Susan Sussman

**Staff present:** Ellie Lane

**Facilitating:** Ellie Lane

**Recording:** Ellie Lane

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**Meeting called to order at 12:07 pm.**

**1. Greetings & sharing our motivation for joining this committee**

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

**2. Appoint chair(s)**

The group decided on a rotating facilitation schedule and declined to appoint a chair.

**3. Discuss the Committee name and our theoretical approach to the work. Decide whether they are in alignment or if the name should be changed.**

The group discussed the reproductive justice movement and its importance and applicability to our task of updating VCW policies. The group decided we are committed to embodying reproductive justice in our work and opted to keep the committee's name.

**4. Determine meeting frequency**

The group decided to start with meeting once monthly during the full Commission meetings on third Fridays. The group will work by preparing thoughts and sending them in advance of meetings for discussion during the Committee meetings.

**5. Discuss next steps**

Ellie will share the current VCW policies with some notes with the group. Committee members will review this and come to the next meeting ready to share thoughts about 2 to 3 policies we should start with. Nancy will facilitate the next meeting.

**Adjourned at 12:45.**

**Next meeting:** During the full VCW public business meeting on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.