

**Vermont Commission on Women  
Reproductive Justice & Sexual Health Committee  
Meeting Minutes**  
Friday, November 15, 2024 | 9:00 am – 9:45 am  
Virtual meeting

**Commissioners present:** Hazel Brewster, Esther Charlestin, Susan Sussman, and Aleta Sprague

**Commissioners absent:** Nancy Kaplan

**Staff present:** Ellie Lane

**Facilitating:** Susan Sussman

**Recording:** Ellie Lane

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**Meeting called to order at 9:18 am.**

### **1. Welcome**

Ellie welcomed the group and asked for a Commissioner to volunteer to facilitate the meeting. Susan volunteered.

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. The committee decided to change the name to the Reproductive Justice & Sexual Health Committee by unanimous vote.

### **2. Discuss VCW policy statements and the Committees' work**

The group committed to drafting a statement that recognizes and honors the origin of the reproductive justice movement, and includes everyone while recognizing the disproportionate impact of threats on reproductive health for women.

### **3. Discuss next steps**

Before our next meeting, Aleta is going to circulate an initial draft of an overarching policy statement on reproductive justice that incorporates the values and principals the group discussed. She would welcome any input in the meantime.

**Adjourned at 9:45 am.**

**Next meeting:** During the full VCW public business meeting on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.