

**Vermont Commission on Women's
HEALTH, SAFETY, AND CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 12, 2017 | 8:00 a.m.**

Present: Carol Buchdahl (Chair), Lisa Senecal, Kimberly Swartz

Presiding: Carol Buchdahl

Recording: Lilly Talbert

Meeting called to order at 8:07 a.m.

1. Recruitment of members

Carol spoke about time at the next VCW business meeting to invite others to join this committee, and to discuss topics of interest.

2. Topics for Discussion

- VCW's **spousal support and maintenance** draft brief was distributed and briefly discussed. The group requested information on the outcome of the legislative taskforce's work. Lilly will touch base with Cary.
- Lisa is reviewing Hannah's research on steps other states are taking to **address and prevent sexual harassment**. Carol is interested in knowing if, like Congress, Vermont's legislature uses taxpayer money to settle harassment complaints.
- The group agreed to review the draft of our **pregnancy accommodations in the workplace video** script. Kim also offered to request a review by her division's new Information Director, Shari Levine.
- Kim also offered to gather more information for the committee about **opiate use addiction treatment at Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility**.
- The group looks forward to hearing from Auburn, once back from medical leave, on **domestic and sexual violence topics**, including current federal legislation concerning reciprocity and concealed weapons.

3. Next steps

Carol spoke about time at the next VCW business meeting to invite others to join this committee, and to discuss topics of interest. She'll gather items from VCW policy manual, and Lilly will provide a sneak peek of data topics addressed in the (pending) State Health Improvement Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.