

## **Stakeholder Working Group for Facility Planning for Justice-Involved Youth, 6/15/26**

- Stakeholder Working Group for Facility Planning for Justice Involved Youth
- 6/15/26, Waterbury State Office Complex, Ash Room, In-person
- Meeting called to order at 10:05 am

### **Opening & Attendance**

- Working Group Members in Attendance
  - Sandi Hoffman, Commissioner of Department for Children and Families
  - Melanie D'Amico, Commissioner Designee, Delinquency Placement and Emergency Placement and Residential Development
  - Katie Whitney, Facilitator, Director for Workforce and Organizational Development, Agency of Human Services (AHS)
  - Justin Davis, Alternative Facilitator, Planner in AHS
  - Charlie Parker Glisserman, Policy Director VT Domestic and Sexual Violence
  - Karen Vastine, Council for Equitable Youth Justice
  - Dana Robson, Childrens Care Management Director, Department of Mental Health
  - Matthew Bernstein, Child Youth and Family Advocate for State of Vermont

Commissioner Hoffman presents opening remarks welcoming the stakeholder group.

Katie Whitney welcomes attendees and asks attendees to introduce themselves, provide role and context for attending stakeholder group. Attendees introduce themselves. Following Matthew Bernstein's introduction, he invites a member of the public, attending remotely via Matthew's computer, to introduce himself. Discussion ensues regarding the role of remote attendees at an in-person meeting, and attendees not explicitly named in the invitation for the stakeholder working group. The public participant does not introduce themselves or participate in the remainder of the meeting.

Matthew strongly objects to moving forward, notes what he views to be a violation of open meetings act, exclusion of certain members, and questions the role and decision-making power of the stakeholder working group. Katie reiterates that this is an advisory group, requirements of open meeting law, notice given to members. Members table further discussion for a future meeting.

Other members discuss items they would like to discuss for future meetings (review of decisions already made, what is yet to be decided, need for more discussion by group and less “reporting out” by DCF), and format they would like the meetings to take, including potential for future hybrid meetings.

Katie thanks members for their participation. Time, date, and location of next meeting is to be determined. Meeting adjourns at 10:47am.

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