

11-19-2024; 10am – 4pm
In-Person: Room 10, Vermont State House
115 State Street, Montpelier
Virtual/Call-in/Information: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/contacts/boards/GA-Task-Force>

Meeting Objectives:

- Assess progress of GA Task Force Directives
- Determination of Directives (*potential* votes have been warned below)

Agenda:

1. **Welcome and Review of Agenda** 10:00-10:05
2. **Approve Minutes:** 10:05-10:10
 - a. October 29, 2024
3. **Public Forum** 10:10-10:30
4. **Review Prioritization Survey Results** 10:30-10:45
5. **Review DRAFT Task Force Report** 10:45-12:15
 - household eligibility; maximum days of eligibility; application, notice, and appeals processes; participant requirements; and annual reporting requirements;
 - the process to establish a single, statewide, unified coordinated entry system with participation from the Department
 - the current organization of roles and responsibilities within the Department for Children and Families' Office of Economic Opportunity and the Division of Economic Services
 - a process to enable participating households to place a percentage of the household's gross income into savings, which shall be returned to the household for permanent housing expenses when the household exits the General Assistance Emergency Housing
 - a mechanism for addressing potential conduct challenges posed by a member of a participating household served in a motel, hotel, or shelter
6. **Break** 12:15-1:00
7. **Review DRAFT Task Force Report** 1:00-2:30
 - the number and types of emergency shelter spaces needed and currently available for each geographic region in the State, with a preference for non-congregate shelter spaces
 - the identification of a consistent lead agency for each geographic region
 - the identification of role and responsibility assigned to the lead agency
 - potential adjustments to emergency housing policy during cold weather months
 - a mechanism to ensure that eligible households are sheltered until transitional or permanent housing is available
8. **Break** 2:30-2:45

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9. Recommendations for Directives

2:45-3:30

- strategies to reduce reliance on hotels and motels for emergency housing
- the identification of any State rules and local regulations and ordinances that are impeding the timely development of safe, decent, affordable housing in Vermont communities in order to:
 - identify areas in which flexibility or discretion are available; and
 - advise whether the temporary suspension of relevant State rules and local regulations and ordinances, or the adoption or amendment of State rules, would facilitate faster and less costly revitalization of existing housing and construction of new housing units;

10. Wrap-Up and Next Steps

3:30-4:00