

Blue Ribbon Commission on Financing Affordable, High Quality Child Care

MEETING AGENDA

June 16, 2016

Fourth Floor Conference Room, 109 State Street, Montpelier VT

Meeting Topics

- Housekeeping: PCG Meeting Results, No Online Forum, Commission Replacements, Timeline
 - Schedule Community Forums
 - Why it Matters – Follow Up to Cheryl Mitchell’s May Presentation
 - Affordability: Discussion of the Basic Needs Budget with Daniel Dickerson
 - Public Comment Period
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10:00 - 10:15: Commission Housekeeping

- PCG Meeting Results
- No between-meeting online forum
- Lauren Norford replacing Melissa Bailey
- Update of Luke Ahmann’s Timeline

10:15 – 10:30: Decide Dates for Community Forums

- Meetings in Burlington, Montpelier, Rutland, Brattleboro, St. Johnsbury?
- 2 one day, 3 the other? Nighttime/Daytime?
- Week of July 25th
- Which Commissioners will attend?
- Elicit logistical help (BBF, Alliance, Lets Grow Kids, Parent Child Center Network)
- Encourage constituents to come with written testimony

10:30 – 11:20: Why It Matters – Follow Up to Cheryl Mitchell’s May Presentation

- Why does access to high quality affordable childcare matter to Vermont?
- What does a “utopian” family policy look like to you?

11:20 – 12:10: Discussion of the Basic Needs Budget with Daniel Dickerson

- What percent of a family’s budget is dedicated to child care? What should it be?
- How do we come up with the basic needs budget?
- How would we determine the point at which families need assistance paying for childcare, especially considering quality improvements would mean higher childcare costs than the current market rate?

12:10 – 12:25: Public Comment Period