Land Access and Opportunity Board Meeting
May 22, 2023, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

DRAFT Meeting Notes

Meeting Facilitator: Natanya Vanderlaan WholeHeart Inc., Jessica Laporte CRO’s

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<th>Attendee</th>
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| Board    | Kirsten Murphy, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council  
Xusana Davis, Office of Racial Equity  
Dan Coutu, VT Commission on Native American Affairs (VCNAA) | Brian Cina, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)  
Raheemah Madany, Pride Center of Vermont  
Pastor Arnold Thomas, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance (VRJA)  
Pasifique Nsengiyumva, US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)  
Shingai Kagunda, Vermont Every Town Project  
Samantha Langevin, Vermont RELEAF Collective  
Britaney Watson, NAACP  
Vermont Psychiatric Survivors (no active board member) |
| Board Alternates | Rich Holschuh, VCNAA  
Ashley Devereaux, NASW | Rev. Mark Hughes, VRJA  
Kenya Lazuli, Vermont Every Town Project |
| Guests & Public | Public  
Ernest Caswell (Buster)  
Malcolm | Guests  
Trey Martin, VHCB  
Francis Sharpstene, VHCB  
Gus Seilig, VHCB |

Agenda & Notes

1. Natanya V. to convene the May 22, 2023 meeting of the LAOB at 5:30 pm  
a. Welcome  
b. Touchstones (slide 2)  
c. Prompt in the chat: Please share a word or

   ● Facilitator Announcements  
   ○ Facilitator Email - LAOBFacilitator@vhcb.org  
   ○ New Zoom link

Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86451326173](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86451326173)
2. **Review & Approve Meeting Notes from May 15, 2023 meeting**
   - No revisions
   - Notes approved by the Board

3. **Sub-committee follow-up**
   - **a.** J&N to present (Slide 3)
   - **b.** Give time to fill out form
   - **c.** Discussion - Clarifying topics, timing & frequency
   - Gave people present time to respond to the Sub-committee form
   - Follow-up plan:
     - Email form to full board again
     - Begin gathering sub-committees and scheduling 1st meeting
   - No discussion of content

4. **MOU Process Presentation (Jess)**
   - **a.** See slide 4
   - **b.** Discussion - Clarifying topics, timing & frequency
   - Kirsten
     - It’s going to be tedious and we may not have lots of content to discuss in working sessions
     - MOU is in the details - who is responsible for what, who pays for what and how the groups related to one another
   - **Jess** - Proposed gathering example MOU and taking a 1st pass with Attorney Appel, then having questions and specific sections to review in the working sessions
     - Key goal - get MOU draft ready for negotiation by end of June (to prepare for staff/recruitment)

5. **Priorities for Outreach (Jess)**
   - **a.** See slides 5-7
   - **b.** 3 main categories: Community Engagement, Advisory Powers & Legislators
   - 1) **Community Engagement**
     - Kirsten
       - Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights - Works more broadly than the Department for Development Disabilities (eg. deaf and hard of hearing, blind, etc.)
       - Help to present about the LAOB to the Coalition and other advisory boards
     - Ashley
       - How to bring information back to NASW - rich network of providers who could be more engaged
   - **What are the materials do you need to share more with our orgs and outwardly**
     - Xusana
       - Priorities (adopted in November 2022) - review/recommit and share
     - Kirsten
**Presentation - tone around aspirations and goals**

- **Where/how do you want to connect?**
  - *Examples Jess names:* In-person vs. virtual, Go out to their spaces/meetings vs. hosting webinar or event
  - Xusana - good opportunity to integrate site visits to each others’ spaces
  - Kirsten - first go out and engage with those spaces and also then invite people in to specific parts of the work
  - Ashley - want to see more opportunities for members of the public to be involved. (Acknowledging Malcolm)
  - Malcolm - alternative ways for people to be involved from the public. If you can’t get to a meeting can you get information and participate

- **2) Advisory Powers**
  - Kirsten - interested in key policy levers
    - Open conversation, learn about programs their vision and plans
    - Important to have a board member participate in those meetings
    - How can we cluster some of them together?
  - Trey - VHCB is available and can be apart of the initial outreach and emails
    - Maybe gather topics, questions and equity access/progressive movement in VT to have more pointed outreach and cluster outreach to certain organizations.
  - Gus - list is longer than this really
    - Example: VHCB for implementation works with Vermont Land Trust (VLT) and community organizations
    - Understanding implementation
    - How are people represented on governing boards or now?
    - What should we advise over given these are the people who are moving capital and access to resources?
    - Department of Financial Regulation - oversees banks and could be helpful
  - Xusana
    - *in chat* - I also signed up for this one and one thing I think is important is that we are clear to the legislature whether this list is even accurate/complete
  - Clustering
    - Some are state gov entities, some agencies and others are projects of those institutions
    - People are all over place in-terms of equity
    - Will get more engagement with Ag rather than other places
    - Projects are groups of the agencies
- Highlights power “sharing” in state government
- Interrelated workflow - these organizations are not siblings next to each other on a chart but have more webbed relationships
  - Timing is important for legislators (and other advocates) - partially based on our work plan and when people are available
    - Jess - also may need to map our connections (warm welcomes, concerns, etc) as a board to prioritize

### 6. Public Comment

- **Malcolm**
  - Wanting to keep the big picture upfront, clear and repeated - what is the end result
  - Community Outreach can reinforce this
  - **Kirsten** - appreciate comments and how you keep this work honest

- **Jess** shared link to the [LAOB Priorities](#)

### 7. Board Announcements

- **Kirsten**
  - VT Developmental Disabilities Council - Housing Report under H.186
  - Doesn’t highlight ownership as much since many constituents are still in rentals or dependents on others
  - Key Priorities
    - Expanded housing options for people with developmental disabilities
    - Getting people into housing where they can stay and not be moved on a whim
  - There is a powerpoint and summaries available that Kirsten will circulate

- **Jess**
  - VT Releaf Collective - New Alternate, Jennifer Morton-Dow, who is also the new Technical Assistance & Resources Manager for Releaf (great touch point for LAOB work to members)
  - **Per Diems for the board** - send clarifications. We want to make sure everyone gets set-up as some have not been paid since the beginning.
    - **Gus** clarified that we can pay back for all of FY23

- **Gus** - VHCB 35th Anniversary
  - 6/15/23 @ Shelburne Farms
  - All of LAOB invited
  - $20 tickets - food and cash bar

### 8. Meeting Adjourned at 6:45pm