

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

Attendee	Present	Not Present
Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kirsten Murphy, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council ● Xusana Davis, Office of Racial Equity ● Dan Coutu, VT Commission on Native American Affairs (VCNAA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rich Holschuh, VCNAA ● Ashley Devereaux, NASW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rev. Mark Hughes, VRJA ● Kenya Lazuli, Vermont Every Town Project
Guests & Public	<u>Public</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ernest Caswell (Buster) ● Malcolm 	<u>Guests</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trey Martin, VHCB ● Francis Sharpstene, VHCB ● Gus Seilig, VHCB

Agenda & Notes

<p>1. Natanya V. to convene the May 22, 2023 meeting of the LAOB at 5:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Welcome b. Touchstones (slide 2) c. Prompt in the chat: <i>Please share a word or</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facilitator Email - LAOBFacilitator@vhcb.org ○ New Zoom link <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86451326173</p>
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<p><i>phrase in the chat to describe your day.</i></p> <p>d. Arc of the call (topics)</p>	<p>Meeting ID: 776 289 2697 One tap mobile +16465588656,,7762892697# US (New York) +16469313860,,7762892697# US</p>
<p>2. Review & Approve Meeting Notes from May 15, 2023 meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No revisions ● Notes approved by the Board
<p>3. Sub-committee follow-up</p> <p>a. J&N to present (Slide 3)</p> <p>b. Give time to fill out form</p> <p>c. Discussion - Clarifying topics, timing & frequency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gave people present time to respond to the Sub-committee form ● Follow-up plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Email form to full board again ○ Begin gathering sub-committees and scheduling 1st meeting ● No discussion of content
<p>4. MOU Process Presentation (Jess)</p> <p>a. See slide 4</p> <p>b. Discussion - Clarifying topics, timing & frequency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kirsten <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key goal - get MOU draft ready for negotiation by end of June (to prepare for staff/recruitment)
<p>5. Priorities for Outreach (Jess)</p> <p>a. See slides 5-7</p> <p>b. <u>3 main categories:</u> Community Engagement, Advisory Powers & Legislators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1) Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kirsten <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Xusana <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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
<p>6. Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Malcolm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 ● <i>Jess shared link to the LAOB Priorities</i>
<p>7. Board Announcements</p> <p>a. Come prepared to share any organizational or relevant updates with the board</p> <p>b. Facilitators will have 2-3 announcements as well</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kirsten <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gus clarified that we can pay back for all of FY23 ● Gus - VHCB 35th Anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6/15/23 @ Shelburne Farms ○ All of LAOB invited ○ \$20 tickets - food and cash bar
<p>8. Meeting Adjourned at 6:45pm</p>	