

## *Land Access and Opportunity Board Sub-committee: Advisory Powers & Advocacy*

**September 5th, 2023, 11:00 – 12:00 pm / Meeting Facilitator: Jessica Laporte CROs**

Attendee	Present	Not Present - includes Board Alternates
<b>Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dan Coutu, VT Commission on Native American Affairs (VCNAA)</li> <li>● Xusana Davis, Office of Racial Equity</li> <li>● Susan Aranoff, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Brian Cina, NASW</li> <li>● Rev. Mark Hughes, VRJA</li> <li>● Kirsten Murphy, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council</li> </ul>

### Notes

1. Meeting Convened by Facilitator, Jess Laporte @ 11:00am	
<b>2. Welcome &amp; Overview of Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The intro letter feels like it's in a good place. Today, we can work on finalizing the other materials to be able to get this process in motion and get outreach materials out to other organizations.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Review &amp; Update Outreach Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Introduction Letter</a> for outreach to Advisory Powers orgs - ready to go</li> <li>● <a href="#">1-pager</a> on LAOB               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Susan:</b> went through and simplified language to cut some of the wordiness and capture a few of the high-level points in the “what’s next” section</li> <li>○ <b>Dan:</b> looking at both versions and looking at whether or not there’s anything left out that’s important. Thinking about “access” and how that doesn’t necessarily imply that people can live or own, but that it’s just saying people can go to these places</li> <li>○ <b>Jess:</b> trying to bring some specificity back in and pointing back to the legislation or Sunrise report around “promoting”</li> <li>○ <b>Susan:</b> I don’t know enough about the LAOB to be able to speak to how the LAOB is addressing historical injustices and exclusion</li> <li>○ <b>Jess:</b> Examples are this learning process and utilizing advisory powers. Recommendations and research can address historic inclusion, whether consultants, members or staff. Getting our hands in the mix to address the historic pieces.</li> <li>○ <b>Dan:</b> part of what we’ve been tasked with is reviewing existing processes that are basically broken</li> <li>○ <b>Jess:</b> promote land access by researching, evaluating, and providing recommendations in existing programs and processes?</li> <li>○ <b>Dan:</b> promoting land and home ownership is one, and the second is reviewing existing programs with an eye towards equitable access</li> <li>○ <b>Jess:</b> we also might want to address the types of things we want the LAOB to lead to, like stewardship, farming, food, home ownership, forestry, etc.</li> <li>○ <b>Dan:</b> it’s all about improving people’s ability to survive well</li> <li>○ <b>Jennifer:</b> I think about people in a city, where I grew up, and their need to be connected culturally and spiritually. People need access, even if not to own, land for cultural practices. I think about: do people have access to place for medicine and ceremony? People need to be safely connected to land.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jess:</b> is there a way we want to sum up items in the “what’s next” section that could sum up what the LAOB might be doing over the next year? I think a lot of people have questions about what we’re going to be doing as a Board. We should allude to some of the projects that will be undertaken.</li> <li>○ <b>Xusana:</b> difference of designing pilot programs and rolling out programs. Programs take money. It will take legislative advocacy to get money to roll out programs.</li> <li>○ <b>Jess:</b> Highlighting this as something that should be looked at, as we’re thinking about legislative advocacy. If we got funding, programs wouldn’t be able to be rolled out until next year after receiving appropriations. There is something in our budget for programs, and we should look back to that. Going back to advisory powers and an assessment.</li> <li>○ <b>Jess:</b> we did some good wordsmithing and live editing. Anything else before we move over the survey?</li> <li>● <a href="#">Intro Survey</a> for Outreach to Advisory Powers orgs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jess:</b> Let’s take a few minutes to read through the whole survey and the comments individually.</li> <li>○ <b>Susan:</b> I wonder about our phrasing in #12 about protected classes versus marginalized groups. I’m not sure what we’re trying to get at.</li> <li>○ <b>Dan:</b> It’s a way to try to dig out of the woodwork who these other groups may be that LAOB needs to keep in mind as we go through our process of evaluation.</li> <li>○ <b>Xusana:</b> a cis-gender white affluent man is part of a protected class. We might want to stick with marginalized groups to make sure we’re covering everyone.</li> <li>○ <b>Jess:</b> I’m intentionally not wordsmithing this to leave space for you folks to reword or comment. Let’s finish #12 before wrapping up. Is this question necessary? Maybe examples would be helpful here. Let’s pause until we meet again on the 19th.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Gathering next steps</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scheduling - Keeping Tues 9/19 and Tues 10/3 for now</li> <li>● Topics for next Board meeting - NA</li> <li>● Next committee agenda - Action Steps for Outreach Plan</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Meeting Adjourned at 12:10pm</b></p>	