Land Access and Opportunity Board: Policy Committee

July 14, 2025, 11:00 – 12:00PM

Meeting Facilitator: Ornella Matta-Figueroa

Meeting Notetaker: Jean Hamilton

Attendees	Committee Members
Board ● Brian Cina, National Association of Social Workers - VT Chapter ● Dan Coutu, VT Commission on Native American Affairs, VT Council on Native American Affairs ● Mark Hughes, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance **Staff** Ornella, Jean	● Kirsten Murphy, Vermont Developmental Disability Council ● Susan Aranoff, Vermont DDC ● Xusana Davis, Office of Racial Equity
Guests & Public	

Agenda

Meeting Convened by Jean Hamilton @ 11:06AM	
1. Introductions & Check-in	Name, Nominating Organization, Check-in Agenda Building
2.Discussion/ Updates	Dan connected with tribal member, Amber Neddo – VSHA, Review statute - All of our programs/policy speak to this - Engage TA providers from our community to provide housing TA to our community.

	- Let's see expansion into this work. Single listing of all the TA resources that exist in this section. - How do we build communities, not just houses - Apply social determinants of health across all LAOB programs and analysis - ACTION: Look at VHCB's language around capacity building ACTION: Check these resources https://www.cdc.gov/prepyourhealth/discussionguides/neighborhood.htm https://www.localhousingsolutions.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Integrating-Health-into-Local-Housing-Strategies.pdf https://www.localhousingsolutions.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Integrating-Health-into-Local-Housing-Strategies.pdf ACTION Look at sections of B, consider fellowship/study project with VHFA, VT Law, other schools, Katie Horner. What is policy? Policy touches on everything. ACTION: Get the board as engaged as possible. Policy is - Networks and coalition power - Impacts of federal policy - State rights – state policies to protect our people – civil rights, equal protection – e.g. constitutional amendment on equal protection-→ what statutes enforce equal protection in housing and land – look at chapter 9, disparate impact laws o Some of this we have to envision and some we need to look laterally to other states.
3. Process Check-in, Next Steps	● Reflections ● Next Steps ● Gratitudes
Meeting Adjourned at 12:00PM	