

Science and Data Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council Meeting Wednesday April 14, 2021 Meeting – Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday April 14, 2021; 1:30pm-3:00pm
Location: Microsoft Teams: [Meeting recorded and posted publicly](#)
Subcommittee Members Present: TJ Poor, Dr. Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, Julie Moore, Brian Gray, Jared Duval, Richard Hopkins, Jay Shafer, Lou Cecere
State Agency Staff Present: Jane Lazorchak, Bennet Leon, Collin Smythe, Brian Woods, Ken Jones, Andrea Wright
Others present: Catherine Morris, CBI

1:32 Welcome/Agenda Approval

- Comments or additions? – None. Considered approved

1:34 Approval of [4-7-21](#) Minutes

- Comments? – None
- Objections to approval? – None. Considered approved

1:35 Miscellaneous Administrative Updates

- RFP
 - Final and should be posted today
 - The dates were extended and so proposal will not be back until the first week of May so looking at mid to late May to have contractors on board
 - Subcommittee may be solicited for answering questions received; Jane to follow up on that as they come in
 - Review team members and methods for review of proposal were discussed generally and in some detail with recommendations of including members from other subcommittees
 - Next steps: Jane send out Final RFP via e-mail with dates for timeline; subcommittees members should let Jane know of their interest to participate in the review
- Zoom account has been created and should think about transitioning all subcommittee meetings beginning next week; Jane will work with Subcommittee Co-Chairs to set the meetings up
- GWSA Coordinator is posted. Subcommittee members should encourage those interested to apply

- Secretary Moore shared Climate Change Investments summary through the Federal Rescue Plan Funding from Governors office

1:52: Around the Council: Updates from Other Subcommittees

- No formal subcommittee liaison updates
- Dr. Dupigny-Giroux wanted to recognize on the record the gathering from last Wednesday sponsored by the Just Transitions subcommittee
- Jared also drew attention particularly to the presentation from Dr. Bindu Panikkar mapping health impacts by income/racial disparities; might have particular relevance to this subcommittee and we should make ourselves aware of those data sources

1:55 Discussion: Work Plan

- Dr. Dupigny-Giroux stepping back and making sure we have the various elements of S&D for Plan for Dec 1 but also using that collective knowledge to parse out what we can hold out for later as we look at how this subcommittee work will fit into overall plan
- Ideafliip
 - Catherine Morris reviewed “ideafliip” (a brainstorm platform) that was introduced last week
 - Invited others to open and begin populating. Public was given the opportunity to provide input via the chat. There was a chat question about the availability of the whiteboard to the public. The whiteboard is only available to the public via the meeting video. The final summary of the whiteboard exercise will be included in the meeting minutes.
 - Committee Members categorized and ranked input.
- TJ shared his screen with and lead a discussion on the Work Plan. An observation is that the priorities id’d in the workplan are in line with those shared in ideafliip and asked if others agreed and asked for further input. Discussion ensued about how we need to be thoughtful about the data we are collecting and how that might inform potential programmatic activities.
- TJ will revise workplan to reflect ideafliip exercise. Discussion that there may be further input from committee members; especially on GHG inventory, that should have more time to look at what was discussed today through the ideafliip and they will have the opportunity to reflect and add to the TJ’s updated draft.
- We need to recognize the questions that exist regarding inventory. What are our recommendations relative to the inventory? Need to clarify what questions need answering. How do we get to that point? Possibly a later presentation from DEC.

2:57 Next Meeting

- Discuss length of these meetings. The subcommittee will discuss the workplan as discussed above. They will also review and approve the final version of the RFP.

3:04 Public Comment

- TJ Poor opened the floor for members of the public to comment. Mark Whitworth and George Gross made comments. Those comments can be viewed in the video recording [posted online](#).

3:14 Adjourn

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