

Science and Data Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council

March 10, 2021 Meeting – Minutes

Date/Time:	Wednesday March 10, 2021; 1:00 -2:30 PM
Location:	Microsoft Teams: Meeting recorded and posted publicly
Subcommittee Members Present:	TJ Poor, Dr. Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, Julie Moore, Brian Gray; Jared Duval
State Agency Staff Present:	Jane Lazorchak, Bennet Leon, Collin Smythe, Claire McIlvennie, John Adams, Andrea Wright

1. Welcome/Agenda Review

- TJ Poor reviewed the agenda and proposed to add time for Jane Lazorchak for provide an overview of governance training materials (between agenda items related to the workplan and next meeting agenda).
- Dr. Dupigny-Giroux also noted it would be helpful to revisit the recurring meeting start time.

2. Discussion: Subcommittee Membership

- TJ Poor noted that the subcommittee had not heard back from Linda McGinnis (who would bring an economist perspective) regarding joining, but proposed the subcommittee hold off on further discussion until the next meeting. Jared Duval and Dr. Dupigny-Giroux agreed.
- TJ Poor and Dr. Dupigny-Giroux noted they were still in the process of connecting with the Just Transitions subcommittee regarding coordination of the work of the two groups to fill the gap of proposed nominee Lisa Ryan.

3. Report on Co-chairs Meeting Between Science and Data and Cross-Sector Subcommittees

- Dr. Dupigny-Giroux provided an overview of the meeting between the co-chairs of the Cross-Sector and Science and Data subcommittees and Jared Duval (the designated liaison between the two).
 - i. One outcome of the conversation was to discuss with the full Climate Council what work would be possible given the existing timeline of the Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) and what would be possible if there was an extended timeline.
- The subcommittee discussed the relationship between the Department of Public Service's Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP) and the GWSA Climate Action Plan (CAP), with a particular focus on their overlap / differences.

- i. A proposal was made to create a venn diagram showing the relationship between the CEP and CAP, which TJ Poor and Jane Lazorchak will work to develop.
- Related to the overlap between the CEP and CAP, Jane Lazorchak provided an overview of the Request for Information (RFI) circulated in February 2020. The RFI asked eight questions regarding technical services and 15 responses were submitted.
 - i. Jane suggested the Science and Data subcommittee could serve a role of helping to review the RFI responses and develop one (or more) Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for technical services, which would ideally be fielded shortly after the March 22 Climate Council meeting.
 - ii. Jane noted that to advance the process, it would be helpful to dive deeper into the work being advanced for CEP to this about how the RFP might build off work not being done for the CEP. TJ Poor offered to provide the subcommittee with an overview of the CEP at the next meeting.
- Dr. Dupigny-Giroux raised the question of how the reviews of the RFI fit within the broader work plan of the subcommittee. The subcommittee discussed the need to wait for the workplans of the other subcommittees they are in service to before developing their own. Jane Lazorchak proposed that currently the best use of this subcommittees time would be to inform technical services and the RFP.
- At the conclusion of the discussion, two action items were identified:
 - Jane Lazorchak will share the RFI with the subcommittee and state staff to review in advance of next week’s meeting.
 - TJ Poor will present on the CEP process to frame the discussion of the RFI proposals.

4. Discussion: Subcommittee Scope

- The subcommittee reviewed the [redline version of the scope](#) previously circulated and made minor revisions to several pieces of language related to the identification of data gaps and working with other subcommittees to incorporate data from key sectors and populations that may have previously been omitted.
- TJ Poor offered to accept all track changes and circulate the scope for one last review before finalizing at the next meeting.

5. Discussion: Workplan

- Discussion of the workplan was postponed to the next meeting.

6. Governance Training Materials

- Jane Lazorchak highlighted the governance training materials circulated to the subcommittee and requested members to review. She will work to schedule time with the Agency of Natural Resource's General Council to address questions.

7. Next Meeting Agenda

- Agenda items include the CEP overview from TJ Poor and review of RFI as discussed previously.
- The subcommittee discussed the meeting time and decided to shift the time of future meetings to Wednesdays 1:30 – 3:00 PM.

8. Public Comment

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

9. Adjourn

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