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Sarah Clark, Interim Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont General Assembly and Joint Fiscal Committee
CC: Sarah Clark and Sean Brown
FROM: Justin Kenney, Chief Performance Officer
RE: Annual State Outcomes Report – 3 VSA §2311 (a)
DATE: September 30, 2024

Pursuant to 3 VSA §2311 (a), please find the 2024 Annual State Outcomes Report which is available as an online Clear Impact scorecard at <https://embed.clearimpact.com/Scorecard/Embed/71055>. To see a short tutorial on how to utilize a Clear Impact scorecard, you may view the following short video which was developed for the Agency of Human Services: <https://vimeo.com/198406616>.

Specific to this year's report, please note the following:

- 30 indicators show a positive trend, 6 show a neutral trend, and 32 show a negative trend. Comparing this to last year, we now have a higher percentage of negative trending indicators than positive ones.
- Only two outcomes, "Vermonters are healthy" and "Vermont is a safe place to live", have a higher concentration of positive trending indicators than neutral and negative trending indicators combined. "Vermonters with disabilities live with dignity and in settings they prefer" technically fits this criterion as well, but only has one indicator being tracked. The outcome with the highest percentage of negative trending indicators is "Vermont's children and young people achieve their potential."
- The "genuine progress indicator (GPI)" indicator has not been updated for some time. GPI stopped being calculated by the University of Vermont Gund Institute in 2018.
- The "% of Vermont covered by state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure" was updated after our report was submitted last year and now shows 25/3 Mbps as the primary indicator. We also worked with the Department of Public Service to report on additional download and upload speeds from 4/1 Mbps to 100/100 Mbps. That said, data for the most cycle is not available as of the date of this submission. We will update it when it is available.

- Reporting on the “rate of petitions granted for relief from domestic abuse per 1,000 residents” was transitioned to the Vermont Judiciary from the Department of Public Safety this year. In the transition, it was discovered that the data provided in previous years was based on the number of Relief from Abuse petitions filed, rather than the number of Relief from Abuse orders granted. The data provided in connection with this report now shows the number of final Relief from Abuse entry orders granted, not including temporary orders, final extended orders, or final modified orders, by fiscal year and per 1,000 residents, based on 2020 United States Census data. The Vermont Judiciary has also provided this information for fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Looking ahead, we are interested in working with you this coming biennium to examine how this report, and other statutes related to it, may or may not fit within the context of your accountability efforts. Last year, we started working internally to identify indicators that we would like to remove, update, and add, but have paused that effort given the dissolution of the former Government Accountability Committee. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this more in the coming months.

If you have any questions about this report, please do not hesitate to reach out by email (Justin.Kenney@vermont.gov) or phone (802-461-6259).