

Vermont Judicial Commission on Family Treatment Dockets

1:00 Call to Order and Welcome Remarks by the Commission Co-Chairs, Chief Justice Paul L. Reiber and Associate Justice Karen R. Carroll, Vermont Supreme Court

- a. Introduction of Commission Members
- b. Overview of the Purpose and Charge of the Commission
- c. Discussion of how the Commission should conduct its work

2:00 An Overview of the CHINS Process and the Impact of the Opioid Epidemic

- a. What is a CHINS case and how does it make its way through court? Associate Justice Karen R. Carroll, Vermont Supreme Court
- b. How has the opioid epidemic impacted children, families, and the child protection process in Vermont? Commissioner Kenneth Schatz and Deputy Commissioner Karen Shea, Department for Children and Families

3:00 Defining the Problem

- a. Feedback from Commission members on the issues and what role the Commission can play in addressing them
- b. Review the stakeholder survey and focus group strategy to gather information
- c. What other statewide initiatives are underway or have been conducted recently? (*e.g.* The Governor's Opiate Coordination Council)
- d. What other information might the Commission need to do its work?

3:40 Public Comment Period

3:50 Next Steps

- a. Adopt meeting calendar

4:00 Adjourn