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