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VERMONT ABLE TASK
FORCE
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State House—Room 10
MONTPELIER, VT

VERMONT ABLE TASK FORCE Attendees

Tim Lueders-Dumont, Office of the State Treasurer
Joan Batchelder
Bill Batchelder
Kevin Veller, Office of Congressman Welch (On Phone)
Robin Chapman, AHS
Clare Buckley, On Behalf of VSAC
Tom Little, VSAC (On the Phone)
Bard Hill, DAIL (On the Phone)
Representative Bill Botzow, (On the Phone)
Kathleen F. McGrath, Esq., PA 529 College Savings Program, Director
Kirsten Murphy, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council
Joe Bergeron, Association of Vermont Credit Unions
Karen Schwartz, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council
Laurie Emerson, NAMI Vermont

ITEM 1: Opening Remarks and Overview of IRS ABLE Public Hearing

Mr. Lueders-Dumont gave an overview of charge of the Vermont ABLE Task Force and introduced Ms. McGrath. Ms. McGrath gave an overview of the ABLE IRS Public Hearing that took place on October 14, 2015. The group discussed the IRS Public Hearing.

A discussion took place concerning the IRS hearing.

ITEM 2: Discussion of ABLE and Public Comment

The group discussed questions and concerns and noted that many questions will not be answered until after final IRS regulations have been issued.

Ms. Chapman noted that In July, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) verbally advised that it would develop written guidance for states on how the ABLE Act might impact/interact with Medicaid eligibility. To date, that guidance has not yet been issued. The group discussed eligibility questions.

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The group discussed the drafting of the legislative report and the deliverables as outlined in the Vermont enabling legislation. The duties and charge of the “VERMONT ABLE TASK FORCE” can be found online here:

<http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/sites/treasurer/files/pdf/misc/VT%20ABLE%20CHARGE.pdf>

Mr. Lueders-Dumont noted that the Treasurer’s Office had set up a webpage for the Vermont ABLE Task Force: <http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/reports/ABLE-task-force>

ITEM 3: Adjournment

The Vermont ABLE Task Force concluded its meeting at 2:30 p.m.