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VERMONT SYSTEM PLANNING COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE

The members of the Procedures Subcommittee have exchanged numerous ideas and redrafts of prospective Rules for the VSPC. While it was hoped that a consensus draft could be produced for the December meeting, the Subcommittee has realized that more input from the group as a whole is essential in finalizing Rules that carry out the letter and the spirit of the VSPC mandate. Of particular significance will be the thoughts of the group regarding the general role and functioning of subcommittees within the VSPC. In addition, issues have surfaced regarding the setting of VSPC agendas and the opportunities that should be afforded to request and convene a special meeting. It is hoped that discussion of that issue at the December meeting will provide ideas and guidance to this subcommittee as it continues its work.

As a prelude to the December meeting, we did think it would be useful and appropriate to share the latest draft of the proposed rules. While this draft is by no means a final recommendation of the Procedures Subcommittee, it will hopefully facilitate discussion by the VSPC as a whole.

Lastly, the Procedures Subcommittee does feel strongly about two points. First, while the Subcommittee is composed of attorneys, its primary focus to date has **not** been to set out “how it all works,” but rather to ensure that the rules are consistent with the MOU and Board Order by which the VSPC came into existence. How the VSPC functions going forward is something in which all of its members do and should have a say. Secondly, because the VSPC is new, the Procedures Subcommittee is in agreement that, whatever Rules are adopted, they should be revisited after the first year of VSPC operation.