

Charge to VTDDC's Policy Committee

The Policy Committee is responsible for supporting the Council to achieve the goals and objective of the Council's Five-Year State Plan that relate to public policy.

The Policy Committee's activities will include the following:

Monitoring the Vermont Policy Landscape

1. In collaboration with VTDDC staff, the Policy Committee shall monitor the status of key bills during the legislative session.
2. In collaboration with VTDDC staff, the Policy Committee shall monitor health care reform activities in other venues such as the Green Mountain Care Board.

Policy Development

1. In collaboration with VTDDC staff, the Policy Committee shall assist in developing responses to proposed legislation and regulatory changes.
2. In collaboration with VTDDC staff, the Policy Committee shall assist in developing proposals for legislative and regulatory changes consistent with advancing the goals of the Five-Year Plan.

Policy Education and Advocacy

1. In collaboration with VTDDC staff, the Policy Committee shall review VTDDC policy position statements -- including letters of public comment and testimony to the legislature -- to ensure that policy statements are consistent with the values of the federal DD Act and support the goals and objectives of VTDDC's Five-Year Plan.
2. In collaboration with VTDDC staff, the Policy Committee shall assist in crafting advocacy campaign strategies.
3. In collaboration with VTDDC staff, the Policy Committee shall assist in educating Vermont policy makers, including Vermont's Congressional delegation, state legislators, and decision-makers within the executive branch.