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Programs & Issues List

The Radio Vermont Group

3rd Quarter 2020

July 1 to Sept 30

Following is a list of major topic areas to be addressed in our news and public affairs coverage. Different items may be substituted depending upon current news events unforeseen at the outset of this quarter.

Examples of specific stories are given to help you identify if the topic fits the issue category.

Issue 1:

COVID Shutdown

Issue 2:

School Restart

Issue 3:

Police Reform / Protests

Issue 4:

Marijuana Legalization

Issue 5:

Hospital Budget Woes

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Programs and Issues – 2019

The Programs and Issues in this file are "representative" of our news and public affairs efforts – but do not fully demonstrate the breath of our reporting and our commitment to "live" local and relevant radio. Below is a summary of some of our major regularly scheduled broadcast efforts.

Monday-Friday:

Radio VT News provides extended coverage of local, state and regional news: 6:05am - 7:05am - 8:05am - 12:05pm - 4:05pm - 5:05pm Each Newscasts is 5 to 10-minutes in length and features a variety of reports.

At 7:30AM Mon-Fri – The Morning Briefing: 10-mins of World & National News

The Morning News Service airs from 7-9am – two full hours of news, weather, sports, travel updates, commentary, interviews, plus studio and phone guests. WDEV employs our own forecaster Roger Hill who details the micro-climate of the region while watching major national weather stories and climate change. The MNS is produced by Radio Vermont News with additional world and national updates from CBS Radio News.

Radio Vermont News has developed reporter relations with WCAX-TV Channel 3 News. Monday-Friday reporter Melissa Sheketoff joins the Morning News Service with a "live" interactive update to explore stories in much greater depth than available from wire service reports.

In our "Conversation with the Editor" series, we discuss major stories from some of Vermont's most respected weekly newspapers:

Monday: The Waterbury Record (Waterbury) – Lisa Loomis, Reporter Tuesday: The Addison Independent (Middlebury) - John Flowers, Reporter

Wednesday: The Chronicle (Barton) - Bethany Dunbar, Editor

Thursday: The Gazette (Hardwick) – Ray Small, Publisher & Editor

Friday: The Herald (Randolph) – Dave Crosby, Reporter

The Dave Gram Show: 9-11am

This is our newsmaker public affairs interview program. Gram, a longtime print journalist turned radio host, provides detailed analysis of the news plus a Vermont perspective on world events. His guests are varied and represent a wide political spectrum. During the legislative session, Dave originates his program direct from the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier (Fridays and during special event days). His program also goes mobile for events such as the Chamber of Commerce Business EXPO, the Tunbridge World's Fair and other gatherings.

The Midday News Service: Noon-1PM

An hour-long update of the very latest news, business report, sports, weather and a variety of human interest features. This is the most comprehensive lunchtime news hour of any Vermont radio station. With the "Special Assignment" section, Radio VT News often delivers lengthy segments of news conferences or legislative debate. We are committed to providing our listeners with more than a "sound bite" service.

The Evening News Service: 4-5:30PM

The very latest news developments, sports and weather, perfect for the drive home. Special updated reports on the day's breaking news stories with Cat Viglienzoni from WCAX-TV News around 4:05PM and at 5:05PM, VT Digger.org reports – the state's leading on-line investigative news site.

Stowe Reporter (Thursday) – Tom Gardner, Reporter Times-Argus (Friday) – Steve Pappas, Editor

Re-Broadcast of WCAX-TV News: 11-11:30pm

Since the conversion to all digital over-the-air TV broadcasts, many in our listening area told us that they missed WCAX news – no longer available to them "over the air."

Through special retransmission agreement with WCAX News, WDEV re-broadcasts the 11pm report as a service to the public. (This is occasionally pre-empted by late-airing sporting events such as when the Red Sox play on the West Coast.)

Saturday Morning:

Similar to weekdays, WDEV is "live and local" with updated news reports including the Morning News Service from 7-8am. This hour also features "For the Birds" a program dedicated to watching and listening to birds; "The Green Mountain Club" report – with opportunities to explore VT outdoors and take advantage of guided and organized hikes around the state.

Sunday Morning:

At 6:00AM, WDEV starts the day with "Now It's the News" a weekly news magazine show. National and International issues are explored in-depth with a variety of reporters and guests.

WDEV airs Red Sox Baseball, Norwich D3 Hockey, NASCAR racing, local stock car racing and high school basketball (boys & girls) regular-season and championship games. WDEV provide "Team Coverage" of every Town Meeting Day (March) plus coverage of Primary and General Election nights.

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LOCAL - LEGISLATURE BACK IN SESSION

Vermont's Legislature reconvened on Tuesday for a special Covid-19 budget session.

VTDigger reports that lawmakers and Gov. Phil Scott are finalizing the state budget.

They did not pass a full budget earlier this year because they wanted to give economists more time to determine the impact of the pandemic on state revenues.

Legislators are expected to work through the end of September.

In addition to a spending package, lawmakers are taking up a measure that would create a legal marketplace for marijuana, policing reforms, and legislation to overhaul the state's land use law, Act 250.

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Local ski resorts say they are preparing for the upcoming ski season and working with the state of Vermont to implement new COVID guidelines. Bolton Valley and Stowe have released their plans to deal with the virus.

Bolton Valley Resort President Lindsay DesLauriers told WCAX that their plans include limiting staff and visitor interaction.

(0904SOT Lindsay DesLauriers):11 Q...any staff.

Stowe communications manager Jeff Wise said the resort has created a system for pass holders to reserve a spot on the mountain for the first month of skiing operations.

(0904SOT Jeff Wise) :11 Q...three day.

Adam White with the Vermont Ski Association says resorts understand they will need to stay on their toes throughout the winter season.

(0904SOT Adam White) :13 Q...different businesses.

White says the association is working with the state to create a basic set of rules for all resorts to build off of for the upcoming season.

Local resorts say they remain committed to an on-time season-opening and they expect the state to release the guidelines for local resorts in the next few weeks.

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LOCAL - \$300 UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPLEMENT

Some Vermonters will be receiving the \$300 federal unemployment supplement that President Donald Trump created with an executive order four weeks ago.

Vermont Labor Commissioner Michael Harrington said that the payments will be backdated for those who are eligible.

(0908SOT Michael Harrington):44 Q...issuing checks.

Harrington said the Labor Department will begin making those payments as early as next week.

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LOCAL - UVM MASK STUDY

A survey of Chittenden County residents by researchers at the University of Vermont has found that people who wear masks may be more likely to contract COVID-19 because they have more daily contact with other adults.

The study's lead investigator is Eline van den Broek-Altenburg, an assistant professor at the Larner College of Medicine. She told Local 22/Local 44 that the finding suggests mask-wearers have more interactions with others and may have a deceptive sense of being protected.

Broek-Altenberg said if mask mandates are not accompanied by proper public education, the practice could lead to more infections.

The research also found that the actual number of COVID-19 cases in Chittenden County may be five times higher than reported. Van den Broek-Altenburg said that finding shows the importance of random testing of the general population to identify asymptomatic cases, which she says appear to make up the majority of COVID-19 infections.

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Two employees and at least one resident have tested positive for the coronavirus at a long-term care facility in Rutland.

Vermont health officials say testing is underway at the Mountain View Center of all 150 staff and 110 residents after they learned of the two positive cases Friday.

The Vermont Health Department's Kayla Donohue tells Channel 3 that in these situations, they recommend frequent testing of all residents and staff.

(0929SOT Kayla Donohue)

As of Monday afternoon, Donohue said the facility has been cooperative, everyone had been tested, and they are waiting for more results to come back.

(0929SOT Kayla Donohue)

Officials say all residents at the facility are screened for symptoms every eight hours.

Staff is screened at the beginning of every shift.

As of Sunday evening, there have been 167 COVID-19 cases associated with staff and residents at long-term care facilities in Vermont. Thirty-two of those people have died.

Mountain View issued a statement saying they will not offer outside visitation to family members at this time, and that all those who tested positive are currently asymptomatic.

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FARM FUNDS

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The deadline for Vermont farmers to apply for COVID-19 relief funds is quickly approaching. And that includes farmers who grow hemp.

Farmer Joe Pimentel grows hemp at a farm in Stockbridge that has been growing hemp for the last four years.

(0922SOT Joe Pimentel A)

In 2019, the farm did roughly \$2 million in sales. A strong year for a young business. But then the pandemic hit.

(0922SOT Joe Pimentel B)

To make up for it, the farm has applied for and received a \$50,000 grant through the Vermont Agency of Agriculture.

Abbey Willard of the Vermont Agriculture Agency tells Channel 3 that more money is still available on a first-come, first-served basis, And the money doesn't just have to be used to pay the bills.

(0922SOT Abbey Willard)

That's what is happening at the Luce Farm. The pandemic has boosted their direct-to-consumer market, so they're using the money to focus on that side of the business.

(0922SOT Joe Pimentel C)

Farmers have until October 1st to apply. Agriculture officials say there are resources and people available to help navigate them through that process.

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Republican Governor Phil Scott says he will not seek to raise taxes or fees to help Vermont's state government deal with an expected economic shortfall caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

In a radio debate Scott said the looming fiscal challenge is a time for a return to the economic fundamentals.

Democratic challenger Lieutenant Governor David Zuckerman proposed using a rainy day fund to cover any shortfall.

He also said the state could use a technique developed by former Republican Governor Richard Snelling, "who, when times are tight, said we can lean on our wealthiest Vermonters to say 'let's help us get through these difficult times."

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STUDENT QUARANTINE

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A group of students in southern Vermont is now under quarantine after a weekend of fun where school officials say they clearly weren't supposed to be.

Essex County, New York, is classified as a red zone on Vermont's COVID travel map.

Slate Valley Unified School District Superintendent Brooke Olsen-Farrell sent an email to families that if they visited counties not approved by Vermont for travel, students can not return to school until they finish quarantining.

But many families in the district disregarded her warning, and to pick apples, attend sporting events, and dance lessons in Essex, Washington, Warren, and Saratoga Counties.

Now, Olsen-Farrell tells Channel 3 that students and two staff members from schools in the district are quarantining.

(0924SOT Brooke-Olsen Farrell)

Fair Haven and Castleton residents declined to say how they felt about the students being required to quarantine.

Vermont Department of Financial Regulation Commissioner Michael Pieciak admitted It's common for cars to be crossing the New York/Vermont border throughout the day.

(0924SOT Michael Pieciak)

The Slate Valley Unified School District is not offering remote learning for its schools in Rutland and Addison Counties, but since those quarantining students would miss up to two weeks of school, the district is figuring out how to offer remote schoolwork.

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Middlebury College says 22 students have been "barred from campus" due to "significant COVID-19 conduct violations" this past weekend.

In a message to the campus community, Dean of Students Derek Doucet said the school took "swift action," but he could not share any details of what prompted the school to take the action.

The school's COVID-19 dashboard reports that so far during the current school year 27 Middlebury students have been removed from campus due to violations of the school's COVID-19 protocols.

A total of 44 students have been disciplined. The school reports it has conducted almost 6,370 COVID-19 tests and had two positives.

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LOCAL - MIDD COVID

A Middlebury College employee has tested positive for COVID-19. The college has conducted over 6,700 tests since opening at the end of August.

John Flowers of the Addison Independent has the details.

(0929SOT John Flowers B)

You can read the full story in the Addison Independent.

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LOCAL - MASKS FOR SCHOOLS

The Vermont School Boards
Association arranged to have
nearly 40,000 face masks delivered
to Vermont schools during the first
weeks of classes the masks were
received as part of the National
School Boards Association's Masks
for Kids Program.

Nearly one third of the state's schools took advantage of the offered masks.

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Masks for Kids is a partnership/between the NSBA, tennis star Serena Williams and apparel company Bella & Canvas plans to donate 4.25 million masks to schools nationwide.

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Vermont lawmakers and education leaders are scrambling for solutions to a looming child care problem when teachers and students return to school in the fall.

State education leaders on Wednesday fielded questions from the Vermont Senate. One of the biggest issues is child care for teachers in the classroom and for single parents who have to work.

The state is partnering with the organization Let's Grow Kids to build a database to identify businesses or operations to help lift the burden like the state did for essential workers early in the pandemic.

Vermont Education Secretary Dan French tells WCAXTV this issue is on the state's front burner.

(0806SOT Dan French)

At the same time, school districts are going to have to invest heavily in new ventilation systems and protective equipment.

The state says there's some \$27 million available in grant funding through the CARES Act. They say 30 supervisory unions have already started filling out applications.

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LOCAL - SCHOOL REOPENING

Tuesday marked the first day of school for most Vermont K-12 students since the onset of the coronavirus in March.

VTDigger reports that the state's approach to in-person education has been the subject of widespread debate, as the state has left planning decisions up to individual school districts.

Many administrators have reported that they're worried about a surge in leave requests, early retirements or resignations sparked by a fear of the virus. The number of Vermont students being home schooled has also surged -- from 900 last year to more than 1,600 for the fall.

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Crossett Brook Middle School will *not* be open for in-person instruction this week after two students reportedly tested positive for COVID-19.

In an email, Harwood Union Superintendent Brigid Nease informed families that a fifth grader and a seventh grader tested positive when attending school on Tuesday, September 8th.

All five days this week all classes will only be conducted remotely.

All other campuses in the school district will remain open as regularly scheduled for in person days on Tuesday and Thursday.

Nease asked parents to answer the phone if the Health Department contacts you.

A contact tracer may be trying to reach you with important information.

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LOCAL - SCHOOL BUS CLEANING

School buses are getting cleaned daily to help stop the spread of coronavirus among Vermont students.

Barre Unified Union School District communications specialist Josh Allen tells WCAX that they began working on their transportation plan back in June, brainstorming the most effective way to get kids to school while keeping them healthy. He said that a crucial step is regular communication with families.

(0916SOT Josh Allen):10 Q...on the bus.

Stacy Emerson is the operations manager for Student Transportation Vermont and Mountain Transit. She says the planning for bus safety and cleaning across districts she worked with mirrored other aspects of school prepartion.

(0916SOT Stacy Emerson) :14 Q...school bus.

Emerson said the cleaning process begins with the driver or monitor doing a general sweep of the bus looking for students or their belongings left behind. Drivers then start at the back and completely spray down the bus with a cleaning solution regulated and recommended by the CDC. That disinfectant sits for 10 minutes. They then clean their own driving area, as well as where the students load and unload making sure to get the handrails.

The process is repeated two or three times daily.

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Williamstown Middle and High School is dealing with a case of COVID-19 by shutting down a school building.

Students have today off since the building is closed for cleaning.

Channel 3 News reports that one person at the school tested positive for COVID-19.

For the rest of the week, those students will learn remotely.

Students in sixth and seventh grade are in a different part of the building than eighth through 12th. They will be learning in-person Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Even though the middle and high school building is closed on Monday, they will be offering a meal pick-up.

The elementary school remains open.

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LOCAL - CROSSETT BROOK UPDATE

Last week, two cases of COVID-19 were reported at Crossett Brook Middle School in Duxbury.

After contact tracing, no new cases were reported at the school.

Waterbury Roundabout editor Lisa Scagliotto [skuh LOW dee] has an update on the school.

(0922SOT Lisa Scagliotti):18 Q...Wednesday.

You can find more on this story at Waterbury Roundabout dot org.

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UVM FACULTY EMPASSE

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Negotiations over the Fall return to campus between the University of Vermont and the school's faculty union have reached an impasse.

The negotiations started in July, focusing on the reopening's effect on faculty during the pandemic.

United Academics, the faculty union at UVM, said the Administration has not addressed their demands to allow faculty the choice to teach remotely due to health and safety concerns.

The School says that would not be fair to students.

The union wants to Limit the use of student course evaluations during the pandemic against faculty in promotion and reappointment decisions, but the school says that feedback is important.

and the union wants to Include compensation for the off-contract training and course preparation required to shift courses for the fall semester. The school says it already provided enough assitance the the faculty.

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At Governor Phil Scott's COVID-19 Response News Conference, Education Secretary Dan French announced a change for Vermont's schools.

(0922SOT Dan French A):18 Q...this weekend.

Secretary French explained what Step 3 will allow in schools.

(0922SOT Dan French B):38 Q...pod model.

Health Commissioner Dr. Mark Levine provided an update on what we are seeing with COVID cases in K-12 schools around the state.

(0922SOT Mark Levine A):20 Q...in school.

Dr. Levine attempted to thwart the stigma that can come with someone who tests positive for the coronavirus.

(0922SOT Mark Levine B):23 Q...or stigmatized.

And he had this encouraging news for Vermonters.

(0922SOT Mark Levine C):12 Q...thus far.

Addressing flu season, Dr. Levine said that Vermont currently does not have the amount of flu vaccine we'll need for the season. But that should change over the next two months,

Financial Regulations Commissioner Michael Pieciak said that at Vermont colleges there has been just one new case from approximately 2,100 news tests.

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LOCAL - State Police traffic stop data shows racial disparities

The Vermont State Police says its annual traffic-stop data shows that racial disparities still exist in who is searched and ticketed. Last year, white drivers made up 93% of the total stops, compared to Black operators at 2%, Asian operators at 2% and Hispanic operators at 1%.

The data shows that of those stopped, 37% received a ticket rather than a warning. Tickets went to 36% of the white drivers, 42% of Black drivers, 49% of Asian operators, 45% of Hispanic drivers and 36% of Native American drivers.

Vermont State Police Director Col. Matthew T. Birmingham says, "These numbers show we still have work to do."

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Tense moments at the Burlington Police Department on Wednesday as protesters confronted the acting chief after the arrest of a Black man.

As protesters continued their 24-hour protest outside the police station, they heard police were arresting a Black man, who has been identified as 26-year-old Ibrahim Garelnabi.

Around 6 p.m., protesters left the police station to walk down to College Street to film the arrest.

A few protesters got video as Garelnabi was being put in handcuffs. When the group returned to the police station, they had a lot of questions.

Channel 3 News had their cameras there when the group returned to the police station.

(0827SOT PROTESTORS)

When no officers responded, they walked outside to the back parking lot and continued demanding answers. That's when Acting Chief Jon Murad went outside to talk with the group.

Murad told the crowd that officers arrested Garelnabi after a road rage incident.

(0827SOT Jon Murad)

Police say Garelnabi has 2 previous misdemeanor charges with no convictions. He also has ten pending charges and an arrest warrant after failing to show up for court.

Protesters wanted to know why there were 3 police officers sent to the scene and they accused the officers of using excessive force. While Murad denied that excessive force was used, he explained the use of force.

Protesters didn't buy it, and reiterated their demands that three officers be fired after being caught on body camera video using force.

Murad told protesters-- just as Interim Chief Jennifer Morrison and Mayor Miro Weinberger have preciously said-- those issues have been resolved and they do

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Hundreds of people gathered at the Black Lives Matter Mural on Main Street in Burlington and marched to the Burlington Police Department on Tuesday to protest the shooting of Jacob Blake in Wisconsin.

Blake is now paralyzed and in intensive care after being shot seven times in front of his three young children in an officer-involved shooting.

The shooting in Kenosha, Wisconsin was captured on video by a bystander. Officials say Kenosha police are not equipped with body cameras. The officers involved are on administrative leave as the Department of Justice investigates.

Another video surfaced on Monday, showing Blake wrestling with officers prior to the shooting -- a scene the original viral video did not show.

Authorities are asking the public to withhold judgment until an independent investigation of the incident is completed.

But this shooting has also sparked nationwide protest, and a large crowd remained outside the Burlington Police Department well into Tuesday night.

Zanevia Wilcox is an organizer and speaker for The Black Perspective social justice group. She tells Local 22/Local 44 it wasn't difficult to gather the crowd on short notice, because frustration is high in the wake of Blake's shooting and the group and its allies feel local police reform hasn't gone far enough.

(0826SOT Zanevia Wilcox)

A large group of protestors stayed overnight in tents at nearby Battery Park.

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A rally in support of police in the North End of Burlington on Sunday was interrupted and cut short by protesters representing Black Lives Matter.

Paul Decelles was there in support of of the police, and he talked to Channel 3 with counter-protestors chanting behind him.

(0825SOT Paul Decelles)

During that interview, Black Lives Matter protesters chanted and obstructed the camera with signs. They wouldn't let the reporter speak to anyone from the pro-police rally on camera, and none of the counter protestors wanted to be interviewed, either.

Both parties stayed at the corner of North Avenue and Leddy Park Road on Sunday for a couple of hours, waving to passing cars.

Ultimately, police supporters decided to leave the area.

The standoff comes a day after a Black Lives Matter march down Church Street.

Participants left their signs slamming the Blue Lives Matter motto outside the lobby of the Burlington Police Department.

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Racial justice protesters marched to the home of Burlington Mayor Miro Weinberger on Friday evening, in a new escalation of the daily demonstrations that began on August 25th.

They blocked portions of Main Street twice during their march and laid in the street in front of the mayor's personal residence while a speaker recited the names of Black Americans killed by police.

It was the second time this summer that Black Lives Matter protesters have stood outside Weinberger's house. Friday's event was far larger than the first.

The windows were dark inside Weinberger's home, and no cars were visible in the driveway. But shortly before the march began, his office sent a lengthy letter to protest organizers, who have set up an overnight encampment in Battery Park next to the police station.

In the letter, the mayor said that, while he supports protesters' First Amendment rights, he is concerned for their safety since violence has occurred at some protests in other cities.

And the city may begin issuing civil tickets to protesters who continued to camp overnight, and write noise violations to prevent further complaints about late-night noise near the encampment.

The mayor urged organizers to seek permits for their demonstrations and allow "trained professionals" to conduct Page 1

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BN POLICE RUNDING

New Text Document

City officials are considering adding several new positions to the Burlington Police Department using money from the recently-created Police Transformation Fund.

At a joint meeting of the City Council Public Safety Committee and the Burlington Police Commission, Mayor Miro Weinberger explored the concept of embedding several social workers in the police department, saying this could potentially allow for someone other than a sworn officer take the lead in responding to mental health calls.

(0911SOT Miro Weinberger)

The mayor hopes it would improve the city's ability to follow up with residents cited or arrested on opioid-related incidents, with resources for treatment.

Local 22/Local 44 reports that Plans are still in the early stages, but Councilor Perri Freeman had several questions regarding the specifics of how the positions would operate day-to-day.

(0911SOT Perri Freeman)

Interim Chief Jon Murad gave some background on how the new employees might go about their work.

(0911SOT Jon Murad)

Type 1 calls include noise complaints and minor neighbor disputes.

Mayor Weinberger credited Councilor Franklin Paulino for approaching him with this idea in the past. Paulino said he'd like to see candidates that are already involved in this work on a local level.

(0911SOT Franklin Paulino)

Weinberger said each position would cost up to \$150,000, and funding would come from the \$250,000 set aside in this year's budget for the Police Transformation Fund.

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The Grand Isle State's Attorney maintains his support of cash bail.

Douglas Disabito issued a statement, saying in part, quote --

I will continue to request bail in cases where the defendant has a significant record of non-appearances, and/or risk-of-flight-from-prosecution past behavior.

When I make a request for bail, it is based on the record that the defendant has created for themselves--more often than not, a significant record.

When an individual is cited into court or is ordered into court via a hearing notice, this is not an invitation for tea--it is for a criminal court hearing and their attendance is not optional.

As State's Attorney, my attendance too is not optional.

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GEORGE BAIL

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Chittenden County's state's attorney Sarah George plans to stop using bail as a way to get people to show up in court.

George tells Channel 3 that the system is unfair to poor people and people of color and goes against the state's constitution.

(0917SOT Sarah George A)

George claims that data and research show that removing bail would not pose any additional risk to public safety, and they have measures to detain someone who may pose a public safety threat.

(0917SOT Sarah George B)

She says her office is working with the defense bar to strike bail from any pending cases.

George is only the second prosecutor to push for the end of bail in the country.

She says the Vermont Constitution states "no person shall be imprisoned for debt." According to George, taxpayers spend \$38 million per day to jail individuals who are simply awaiting trial.

She is calling on the Legislature to make the cash bail elimination law.

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Most Vermont State Police troopers are going to be getting body cameras.

Officials are still working on the details of the policy, including the public's access to view police videos.

It's expected the cameras will begin being used by the end of the year.

Vermont State Police Capt. Garry Scott says the cameras will be welcomed. He says it's about transparency and accountability.

More than 200 troopers at barracks across the state will be outfitted with the cameras.

The cameras will turn on automatically when a trooper activates.

The policy on when the cameras will be turned off is still being developed.

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BIN POLICE OVERSIGHT

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As calls for police reform intensify in Burlington, an attorney with the ACLU, joined in on Wednesday's charter change committee discussion on changing oversight of police.

The debate began two weeks ago, when the city council approved a resolution asking the committee to look into changing the city's charter to allow a public body to fire officers accused of misconduct and excessive force.

Diaz same the ACLU has a 10-point plan that focuses on reimagining policing in Vermont. He says the three main tenets of changing oversight are public trust, independence and broad authority.

(0924SOT Jay Diaz A)

Diaz believes the oversight should be independent of police and focus on the department overtime to look for improvements.

He also says the board should have broad authority to conduct discipline in a variety of matters.

Acting Chief Jon Murad says the city's current police commission already meets the standard of being independent, transparent and community-driven.

(0924SOT Jon Murad A)

Murad did agree there's work to do regarding the police commission's authority and power.

(0924SOT Jon Murad B)

The charter change committee will meet again next Wednesday.

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The Vermont House advanced three bills as part of a racial justice package intended to address community concerns over the corrections system and police brutality and violence.

One bill tasks the Department of Public Safety and Executive Director of Racial Equity with working out the details of implementing a uniform, state-wide policy on use of force.

One act relates to a report on racial equity and bias in the Department of Corrections.

That bill passed the House on a voice vote and now moves to the Senate for consideration of the House amendment.

And the third bill would add civilians, including people with experience with mental health conditions or psychiatric disorders, and a mental health crisis worker to the Criminal Justice Council.

The council would recommend statewide policies on officer qualifications, testing, and training, and also propose policies on use of body cams, surplus military equipment and facial recognition technology.

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LOCAL - BTV POLICE OVERSIGHT POSITION

Burlington Mayor Miro Weinberger has created a new position to oversee efforts to transform policing in the city. Mayor Weinberger announced he has appointed Kyle Dodson as director of police transformation.

Dodson is the president CEO of the Greater Burlington YMCA. WCAX reports that he will take a leave of absence from the YMCA to serve in the temporary position for an estimated six months.

The job will include oversight of the Burlington Police Department's planning, policy and engagement efforts as the city works to advance a wide range of transformation efforts. Advertisement

The decision to create the new post comes in the wake of ongoing protests in the city calling for police reform and the firing of specific officers who were accused and cleared of using excessive force.

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Governor Phil Scott made up his mind on Vermont's commercial pot bill. He is allowing it to go into law without his signature.

Scott spoke about the bill during the Gubernatorial debate hosted last night by WCAX, and aired on WDEV.

(1008SOT Phil Scott)

He said the legislature was slow to move toward his position on certain areas, including plans for highway safety, education and prevention programs for kids, and the ability for communities to prohibit retail cannabis businesses. He also outlined concerns about racial inequality.

Before, it was legal to possess and cultivate a small amount of marijuana in Vermont, but it wasn't legal to purchase or sell it.

Laura Subin, Director of Vermont Coalition to Regulate Marijuana tells Local 22/ Local 44 it's an important step in criminal justice reform.

(1008SOT Laura Subin)

The bill puts a 14% sales tax on top of the existing 6% state sales tax.

Vermont's Senior Fiscal Analyst Graham Campbell says that would generate around \$7 million in tax revenue.

The law says that Vermonters will be able to buy cannabis a retail stores by October 2022.

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The Vermont House has approved a bill that would expunge thousands of low-level marijuana convictions.

The measure would also decriminalize possession of 1 to 2 ounces of marijuana. Sponsors say it's aimed at curbing racial disparities within the criminal justice system. The bill now heads to the Senate where it is expected to pass.

The bill comes two years after Vermont lawmakers approved a recreational marijuana law. number of counties around the state have already held expungement clinics to help individuals.

The governor hasn't weighed in on whether he will support the bill but he has supported the idea of expungement in the past.

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Lawmakers from the Vermont House and Senate have reached a deal on a bill that would allow for the legal sale of marijuana in the state as well as taxation on those sales.

The Brattleboro Reformer reports that conference committee members reached agreements Tuesday on advertising and how tax proceeds would be distributed.

The possession of small amounts of recreational marijuana is allowed in Vermont, but there has been no way to buy or sell it legally or tax sales.

The conference committee report could be finalized Wednesday.

If the legislation receives final approval from lawmakers, it would go to the desk of Gov. Phil Scott.

It's unclear if he would sign it.

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MARIJUANA SALES-VERMONT

Vermont House OKs deal on bill to allow marijuana sale, tax

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — The Vermont House of Representatives has approved a deal on a bill that would allow for the legal sale of marijuana, as well as taxation on those sales. The Bennington Banner reports the legislative conference committee report passed the House by a vote of 92-56 on Thursday. It now heads to the state Senate, where a vote is expected next week. House members of the conference committee had agreed to drop language that would have prevented advertising for cannabis-related businesses. They also gave up their insistence upon seat belt use becoming a primary reason for motor vehicle stops as part of the legislation.

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Untitled LOCAL - ONECARE VERMONT LOSING 14 DOCTORS

OneCare Vermont is the organization in charge of reforming Vermont health care. There are 125 practices in the program. It is meant to save costs and keep doctors in business. But physicians are saying that the program is making it harder for independent physicians to survive.

That's why 14 primary-care practices in the state have decided to drop out of OneCare Vermont.

Katie Jickling of VTDigger has the details.

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OneCare CEO Vicki Loner said the change will encourage doctors to be more cost-efficient. If OneCare saves money on health care, doctors would get a portion of those savings and earn \$4.25 per patient per month. If OneCare loses money, the doctors would stay at \$1.75.

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ONE CARE COMPROMISE

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After a public fight about payments for primary care doctors, OneCare Vermont and an association of independent doctors have hashed out a compromise.

VTDigger reports that the agreement settles a conflict that caused 14 primary care practices to say they were dropping out of OneCare, the statewide organization implementing Vermont's health care reforms.

The conflict arose after OneCare announced that instead of paying a flat \$3.25 monthly fee, it would offer a range between \$1.75 and \$4.75. Primary doctors objected that OneCare was reducing their payment during a pandemic and undercutting primary care.

The deal, which was hashed out on Thursday, split the difference.

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New Text Document LOCAL - BCBS SUIT OVER PENSION LOSSES

A national benefits committee for Blue Cross Blue Shield has filed a lawsuit in federal court to recoup massive pension fund losses, including millions to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont.

VTDigger reports that in the suit, the committee argued that investment manager Allianz Global Investors lied about the pension investments and pursued an overly risky strategy that amounted to "a ticking time bomb."

As a result, the value of the fund plummeted during the Covid-related economic downturn in March and April. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont lost \$40 million, or 58%, of its employees' pension over two months.

Nationwide, the 16 BCBS companies that invest through the benefits committee lost more than two-thirds of their combined pension funds or almost \$2 billion. Now, that group has asked the courts to persuade Allianz to refund the lost money, as well as to cover accounting and legal fees.

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Springfield Hospital and its associated network of clinics have submitted a plan for a bailout that would be funded by the state of Vermont.

The Lebanon Valley News reports the plan would have the hospital move forward as separate organization from the network of clinics known as Springfield Medical Care Systems. The plan relies on \$6 million in "exit funding" from Vermont's budget and writing off \$4.65 million in unpaid taxes.

The funding is included in the budget that the state legislature will vote on this week.

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UVM HEARTH NETWORK

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John Brumsted, The CEO of the UVM Health Network, is pushing back against state regulators, saying mandated budget cuts will strain access to patient care and make it more expensive.

(0924SOT John Brumstead A)

In a letter to the Green Mountain Care Board Wednesday, Brumstead wrote that the budget review process has become "untethered from equitable, legal and financial principles."

This follows the board's decision last week to cut back requested increases in hospital budgets.

UVM asked for approval of a \$1.4 billion budget across the board. But the Green Mountain Care Board approved about \$1.1 billion. The network asked for an increase of 8.5% at Central Vermont Medical Center, 5.75% at Porter Hospital, and 8% at the UVM Medical Center. Instead, regulators approved 7% for CVMC, 4% at Porter, and 6% at UVMMC.

Brumsted NOW wants regulators to reverse budget cuts to Porter Hospital and he wants the board to reconsider how rate increases are determined

(0924SOT Jon Brumstead B)

The board is still in the budget process and is not allowed to comment on Brumsted's letter.

This all comes in a year in which the coronavirus pandemic response has forced hospitals to suspend elective procedures, restricting revenue, and face additional expenses for items like PPE.

The new fiscal year for hospitals begins on October 1. The Care Board
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LOCAL - PORTER REQUEST DENIED

The Green Mountain Care Board has denied Porter Hospital's request for more funds as part of its budget in part due to its use of budget for the adjacent long-term care facility.

John Flowers of the Addison Independent has more on the Care Boards decision.

(0929SOT John Flowers C)

You can find the full story at Addison Independent dot com.

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LOCAL - ONE CARE STUDY

A group of nonprofits are calling on Gov. Phil Scott to abandon Vermont's all-payer system and the state's partnership with OneCare Vermont.

VTDigger reports that the organizations argue the state's health care experiment has added extra bureaucracy and cost - resources that should be directed to increasing Vermonters' access to health care.

OneCare Vermont is a for-profit company that oversees the state's health care reform efforts. It collects money from insurance companies and distributes it to hospitals in monthly payments. It was created to encourage hospitals to save money and improve care, by providing regular fixed payments.

The organizations opposing OneCare say they're hoping to generate public pressure that will ultimately persuade legislators to cut bureaucratic costs and increase access to primary care.

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