

AGENDA
Police Community Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 – 6:00 pm
81 Main St., Essex Junction, VT 05452

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Welcome –

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

3. APPROVE AGENDA

4. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

- a. Comments from the public on items not on the agenda.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. PCAB Draft Minutes 03192024

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Welcome New Police Community Advisory Board Member – Vince Cuciti (10min)
- b. Community Engagement – Anthony Jackson-Miller, Comm. Affairs (35min)
 - National Night Out
 - Coffee w/ a Cop
 - Citizen’s Academy
 - Ideal VT
- c. Police Community Advisory Board – Work Plan Follow Up. (30min)
- d. Essex Community Justice Center – Presenting on May 21st Meeting (2min)
- e. Reserved for any follow up or comments not outlined in Business Items

7. READING FILE

- a. IDEAL VT Brochure
- b. IDEAL VT Member Expectations
- c. National Night Out Poster
- d. Bureau of Justice Assistance National Night Out – Fact Sheet
- e. PCAB Draft Minutes 031192024

8. ADJOURN

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BJA Bureau of Justice Assistance Fact Sheet

Nancy E. Gist, Director

National Night Out: A Community-Police Partnership Program

National Night Out provides information, educational materials, and technical assistance for the development of effective year-long community-police partnerships that can reduce crime, violence, and substance abuse at the community level. The program is administered by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), a nationwide organization dedicated to the development, maintenance, and promotion of community-based, law enforcement-affiliated crime prevention activities.

Coordinated by local law enforcement and trained volunteers, National Night Out events are designed to engage neighborhoods in local crime and drug-abuse prevention activities. National Night Out creates crime prevention awareness in the community through a multitude of local events, such as block parties, cookouts, parades, contests, youth events, and seminars. NATW annually distributes more than 10,000 National Night Out organizational kits that guide residents and law enforcement leaders through the planning and implementation of a community's National Night Out activities. In addition, National Night Out local and national media campaigns generate extensive print and broadcast coverage.

National Night Out generates community support for crime and drug-abuse prevention activities, as well as a high level of community participation. The presence of local law enforcement in the community under the positive circumstances of a National Night Out allows many residents to meet their officers on a one-to-one basis—in many cases for the first time. This opportunity helps to establish a much needed relationship among neighborhood residents and local law enforcement personnel.

National Night Out demonstrates that partnerships and coalitions can be built and nurtured at the community level for the purpose of establishing cost-effective crime control strategies. As a result of National Night Out activities and events, neighborhoods also become involved in related programs, such as Neighborhood Watch, Safe Haven, and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

Program Scope

When first launched by NATW in 1984, the National Night Out program's community-building and crime watch activities involved 2.5 million people in 400 communities in 23 states. Since then, with continued BJA funding, the campaign has vastly expanded. The 16th annual National Night Out, held in 1999, included a record 32 million people representing 9,500 communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the 5 U.S. territories, numerous Canadian cities, and U.S. military bases worldwide.

Project 365

Introduced in 1994, Project 365 is a targeting component of the National Night Out program that helps communities identify specific problem areas and then work to resolve these problems over the next 365 days. The project begins on the annual National Night Out celebration day (the first Tuesday in August) and ends 365 days later. Project 365's first year was extremely successful and it continues to generate an outstanding response from hundreds of communities. Activity highlights include the cleanup of local parks, the removal and prevention of graffiti, the establishment of domestic violence and homeless prevention initiatives, and an

increase in the number of Neighborhood Watch groups and in crime prevention programming in multifamily housing areas.

Program Objectives

National Night Out's objectives include:

- ❑ Refining the nationwide crime prevention campaign.
- ❑ Identifying and documenting successful crime prevention strategies.
- ❑ Expanding Project 365.
- ❑ Disseminating information about successful community-based strategies.
- ❑ Providing technical assistance by telephone on crime prevention program development.

National Night Out meets these objectives by providing information to as many communities as possible. In 2000 alone, more than 10,000 communities will be contacted for program participation.

Program Services

NATW offers a number of no-cost services to communities participating in National Night Out. It provides community leaders with "how-to" materials, including program guidelines, a list of questions and answers, camera-ready artwork, tips, suggestions, sample press releases, and a sample National Night Out proclamation. In addition, NATW's trained staff provide technical assistance directly to the community by telephone. Local law enforcement personnel provide onsite technical assistance for Neighborhood or Block Watches.

Finally, NATW assists in preparing postproject reports detailing the National Night Out events and activities. These reports are reviewed and evaluated by NATW for use in national, state, and local presentations; future National Night Out materials; and technical assistance.

For Further Information

For additional information about National Night Out, contact:

National Association of Town Watch

1 Wynnewood Road, Suite 102
P.O. Box 303
Wynnewood, PA 19096
1-800-648-3688 or 610-649-7055
World Wide Web: www.natw.org

Bureau of Justice Assistance Clearinghouse

P.O. Box 6000
Rockville, MD 20849-6000
1-800-688-4252
World Wide Web: www.ncjrs.org

Clearinghouse staff are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. eastern time. Ask to be placed on the BJA mailing list.

U.S. Department of Justice Response Center

1-800-421-6770 or 202-307-1480

Response Center staff are available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time.

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Essex Police Department
presents:

National Night Out 2024

Tuesday August 6, 2024

Essex High School
2 Educational Drive
Essex Junction, Vermont
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm



IDEAL VERMONT

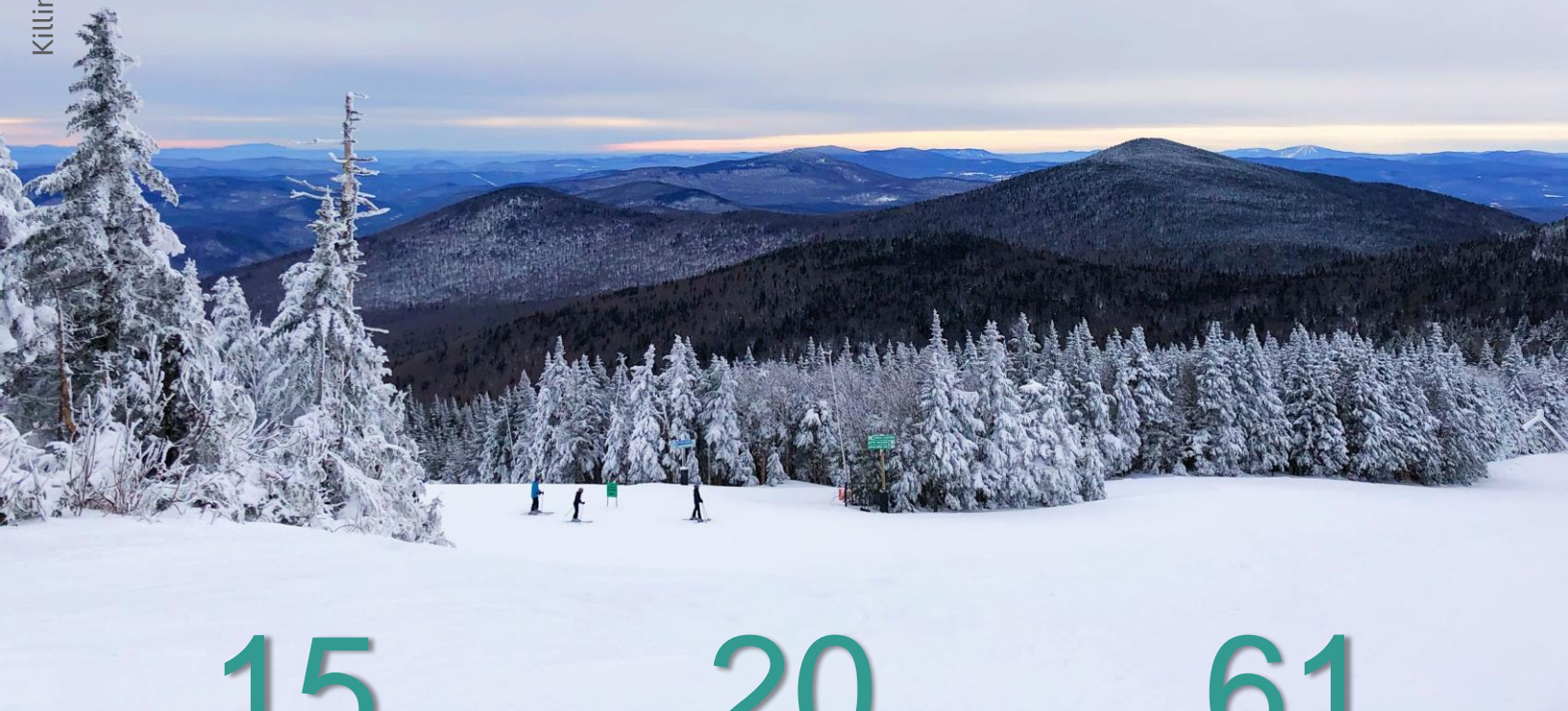
INCLUSION DIVERSITY EQUITY ACTION LEADERSHIP



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Advancing equity at the local level

Vermont's communities become more diverse every day. As part of this growth, municipalities around the state and the country are recognizing the need to prioritize equity and social justice. Already, dozens of Vermont's communities have taken steps to be more inclusive.



15

municipalities represented on the Equity Committee of the VT League of Cities & Towns

20

VT school districts known to have an Equity Coordinator role as of school year '21-'22

61

municipalities that have adopted a Declaration of Inclusion as of July '22

IDEAL VERMONT WAS CREATED TO BRIDGE THE EFFORTS OF INDIVIDUAL TOWNS AND COUNTIES ACROSS THE STATE TO BUILD COHESION, MOTIVATION, AND SUCCESS.

LEARNING TOPICS WILL INCLUDE

- foundations of racial equity
- tourism
- MWBEs
- housing
- health equity
- anti-bias policy
- school curriculum
- fair and impartial policing
- data, planning, strategy
- environmental justice

Access to grant funding

Convenings + Workshops

Technical assistance from state agencies

Data sharing + coaching

Online Platform + resource library

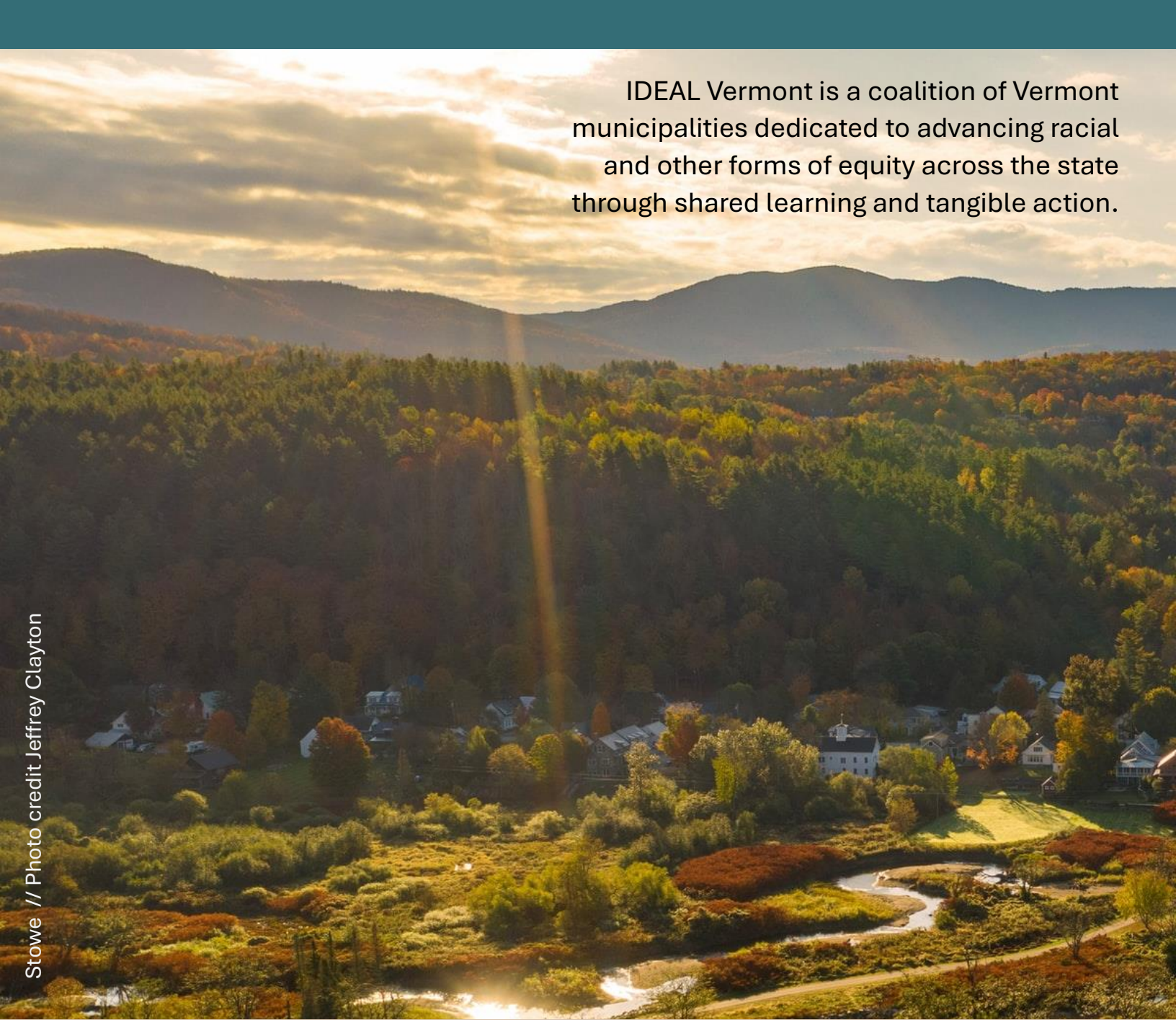
Guided by a multi-disciplinary team of state agencies, IDEAL Vermont helps local leaders advance equity in their communities through workshops, technical assistance, grant opportunities, and facilitated spaces to share with and learn from peers around the state.

Join Us

The initiative unifies, educates, and empowers counties and municipalities that are committed to making Vermont more inclusive and more equitable. Member municipalities hold themselves to a high standard of good governance, and are willing to learn and un-learn the practices that can make or break an equitable society.

Your town may be a candidate if it can deliver

- Commitment from the local executive
- Commitment from the local rulemaking body
- Regular, active engagement in IDEAL activities
- Tangible action steps and investment



IDEAL Vermont is a coalition of Vermont municipalities dedicated to advancing racial and other forms of equity across the state through shared learning and tangible action.

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Supporters + Partners

Equity is everyone's job, and each of us plays a role in shaping it. Many community organizations, state agencies, and advocates have inspired and amplified IDEAL Vermont. We are grateful for their contributions, and especially to these key partners who provide core elements of the initiative, including grants and education.

- Vermont Community Foundation
- Vermont League of Cities and Towns
- Vermont Declaration of Inclusion
- Abundant Sun

EXPECTATIONS

of IDEAL Vermont members

Members of IDEAL Vermont are a coalition of local leaders who share a common goal: to make Vermont more inclusive and equitable for our current *and* future residents and visitors. Members hold themselves and each other to a high standard to accomplish this goal. Below are some of the ways in which members can count on one another's support.

VISION

We work toward a shared vision:
A more inclusive Vermont whose diverse communities are respected, protected, and represented.

ATTITUDE

We bring our authentic selves to challenging discussions and policy work. As a group, we come from varied backgrounds and perspectives, and we approach our interactions with respect.

HONESTY

We recognize that in order to address systemic bias and discrimination, we must be willing to acknowledge and confront the many ways in which we uphold and/or benefit from it.

URGENCY

We are committed to enacting change *in our lifetimes*, because centuries of oppression have created unjust systems that have life-or-death consequences *today*.

RESULTS

We are committed to learning, but we are even more committed to *doing*. By moving past theory into practice, we seek tangible evidence that our work positively impacts our communities each day.

PRESENCE

We maintain reliable and active engagement on our virtual platform and at monthly in-person gatherings, hosted by our member communities around the state.

LEARN MORE

IDEAL Vermont is only as strong as the members who move it forward. To learn more about how your community or organization can support this statewide initiative, visit racialequity.vermont.gov