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INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (ICAR) AGENDA
Monday, April 11, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

To attend virtually via Microsoft Teams, please [click here to join the meeting](#) for full meeting audio and visual. If you require a call-in option to participate (e.g., computer does not have a microphone), dial 802-828-7667 and enter Phone Conference ID: 114 423 325#.

Physical meeting location suspended until January 15, 2023 due to [Open Meeting Law temporary provisions](#).

- Welcome and introduction of new ICAR members: Jared Adler, Department of Labor; and Donna Russo-Savage, Agency of Education
- Review and approval of the minutes from the [March 29, 2022](#) meeting
- Note any additions or deletions from the agenda
- The following emergency rules were supported by ICAR Chair Farnham:
 - ‘Transitional Housing Program Emergency Rules’, Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families, on 03/31/22
 - The purpose of the Transitional Housing Program is to offer more stability to households experiencing homelessness. The Transitional Housing Program will provide financial assistance to eligible households for up to 18 months in the form of direct monthly payments to motel and hotel owners who have executed an Occupancy Agreement with an eligible household. Eligible households include households experiencing homelessness category one or two as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) in the town in which the household is seeking housing. Recipients of Transitional Housing Program assistance must participate in Coordinated Entry - the system to refer and connect households to housing assistance – to find long term housing. The Transitional Housing Program will be funded by the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and will conform to all federal law and guidance governing ERAP.
 - ‘Access to Health Care Services Related to COVID-19’, Department of Financial Regulation, on 04/01/22
 - The emergency rule requires health insurers to provide continuing coverage of COVID-19 diagnosis, testing (including rapid antigen testing), and treatment without member cost-sharing.



- ‘Reportable and Communicable Diseases Emergency Rule’, Agency of Human Services, Department of Health, on 04/01/22
 - This rulemaking does the following:
 - 1) Adds COVID-19 and multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children to the list of reportable diseases;
 - 2) Adds SARS-CoV-2 to the list of reportable laboratory findings and requires that all results be reported including positive, negative, and indeterminate.
 - 3) Adds race and ethnicity data as required reporting content;
 - 4) Adds the definition of electronic reporting to clarify approved methods of reporting and establishes a basis to share data between the Department and Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL);
 - 5) Adds standardization procedures for administrative specimen collection;
 - 6) Clarifies the timeframe for reporting laboratory findings to the Department;
 - 7) Removes certain animal diseases from the list of reportable diseases;
 - 8) Reorganizes sections for clarity.

Formal rulemaking is already underway, which will include the proposed changes to this emergency rule.

- ‘PUC Emergency Rule 2.500 COVID-19 Emergency Procedures’, Public Utility Commission, on April 7, 2022

- Public comment

- Presentation of the following proposed rules:

- Rules and Regulations: Visitor Conduct and Fees and Charges for State Park Services and Commercial Activities on Department Lands, Agency of Natural Resources
 - Removed the designation of 2 or 4 night camping reservation minimums. Removed Waterbury Reservoir from the no minimum reservation. Price changes for use of state parks: Adult day use increased \$1 per person. Vermont resident camping increased \$1 per night per site. Non-resident camping increased \$7 per night. Vermont resident lean-to camping increased \$2 per night. Non-resident lean-to camping increased \$8 per night. Cabin rentals increased \$9 per night. Price for overnight pets increased \$1. The Stone Hut nightly rental increased from \$225 to \$300 per night. Pavilion rentals increased \$25 per rental. Seyon Lodge 1/2 day boat rental increased \$5 per use. The Burton Island Marina slip price increased by \$0.50 to \$2.25 per linear foot and the Burton Island Mooring price increased by \$0.25 to \$1 per linear foot. Allow for some seasonal slip space at Burton Island Marina. Removed Green River Reservoir unique camping reservation structure. Add vehicle pass for organized groups. Adjust municipal rec. price.
- Rule 2.000 Rules of Practice, Public Utility Commission
 - The Commission has not comprehensively revised its rules of practice in many years. The proposed rule will update the Commission's rules of practice to, among other things, (1) reflect the implementation of the Commission's electronic filing system, (2) more clearly identify the portions of the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure that apply in Commission proceedings, (3) better facilitate public participation in Commission proceedings, and (4) incorporate certain procedural changes that were made on an emergency basis during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Other business

- Next meeting date: Monday, May 9, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

- Adjournment

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