VT EPSCoR Annual State Meeting Agenda
Infrastructure Development for Research and STEM Education: Focus on the Lake Champlain Basin

June 2, 2011
DoubleTree Hotel

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
Registration, Poster Set Up, Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 8:50 a.m.
Opening Remarks
Judith Van Houten, PhD – Vermont State EPSCoR Director
John Evans, PhD – President, Vermont Technology Council & Senior Advisor to the President of UVM
Domenico Grasso, PhD, PE, DEE, Vice President Research and Dean of the Graduate College
Henry Blount, PhD Office Head, National Science Foundation EPSCoR

8:50 – 9:00 a.m.
Summative Survey Report Highlights
Judith Van Houten

9:00 – 10:45 a.m.
Transdisciplinary Research: Complex Systems Approaches to the Lake Champlain Basin
Mary Watzin, PhD, Dean of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources;
Donna Rizzo, PhD, Associate Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering;
Maggie Eppstein, PhD, Associate Professor Computer Science/Assistant Professor Biology;
Ted Hart, PhD (Biology);
Erin Hayes Pontius, St. Michael’s College;
Adam Reynolds, UVM Community Development and Applied Economics (CDAE)

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.
Break

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Impacts of Cyberinfrastructure on Research, STEM Education and State Economy – Track 2 improvements
Jim Vincent, PhD, Research Professor Biology and Director Bioinformatics Core (VGN)
Jeff Letourneau, Executive Director of Networkmaine at the University of Maine System
Karen Marshall, Chief of ConnectVT

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
How do we broaden our NSF Support? Program Overview, Funding Opportunities
Rita Teutonico, PhD, Chair Research Coordination Networks (RCN) Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability (SEES)
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
Lunch & Keynote
1:00 p.m. – Keynote Speaker
Deb Markowitz, Secretary, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

2:00 – 2:45 p.m.
Communicating Science Panel
Linda Bowden, ECHO Center Lifelong Learning Coordinator;
Matthias Brewer, PhD, UVM Chemistry Department;
Josh Brown, Senior Writer for Science and Environment, UVM

2:45 – 3:30 p.m.
Workforce Development and Diversification: New Pathways
David Bradbury, President, Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies (VCET);
Miranda Lescaze, Director VT EPSCoR Center for Workforce Development & Diversity (CWDD);
Michele Kupersmith, VT Technology Council Internship Program Coordinator

3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
Sustaining Through Innovation
David Dunn, Technology & Commercialization Business Adviser, VT SBDC
Danielle O’Hallisey, Owner/Operator, Calculated Technology, LLC,
Anju Dahiya, PhD, CoFounder & President, General Systems Research, LLC,
John Bootle, Founder, Thermal Composites

4:15 – 6:00 p.m.
Posters and Networking
Hors devours, refreshments

6:00 p.m.
Annual Meeting and Poster session concludes
Dinner on your own