**Zone CEDS Public Input Sessions**

**Round 2- Manchester, September 24th**

outmigration for population - where are they going? I'd like to understand that better

UI 3 taking into account changes?

Ages of labor participation

Can we see GDP changes in the Burlington/soBurlington changes and  outside of chittenden changes for the job growth slide

Get great customer service or really bad service

Didn't hear about schools - there is a lot of in region competition for schools - it changed where I decided to live

Lack of major research institution is a problem - that will impact you ability to attract certain sectors

New England thing - don't want to spend 20 years being welcomed into community

70% of new folks in my town pay taxes and support town - locals are afraid of change

Windham and Bennington county need to be better connected with public transportation

Schedule has increased to five a day trips between Bennington and Manchester - more funding for bus routes is key

Schools being variable is a major

Childcare on site is really needed

Hearing on housing development - fear about new kids - impact fees

Act 46 process major breakthrough was when on purpose we talked about potential advantages.  Very easy for different communities as being in competition

Can't afford local schools (Jamaica)

If we could change competition to inconsistency in education

People in Washington chittenden county don't act as isolated - it's clear to them that they are working and living regionally

Labor shed - we need sustainable communities

Vision statement and values comments:

How are we going to do this - a change has to happen - this is not who we are - how are we building the case for dissatisfaction with where we are?

What are the greatest asset we are leveraging?

Rather then model - effective tool, top notch, or effective?

Seems very idealistic

Consider adding community development

We need a public relations plan for implementation

Increase career opportunities

Entrepreneurship as a pathway

Potential constrained by infrastructure

Inclusiveness and sustainability are not here

Drug epidemic

Objectives:

Add intentionality around diversity

Wisconsin is a great model for diversification

Growing population has to be by product of economic growth

Growing potential objective

Transportation should include biking infrastructure

Potential items needed now - should be prioritized over population

Opportunities as #2 and population slide as #3 if you want support for growing population

Please post presentation on the website

Measure of assessment should be level of investment in the plan

Schools issue: inconsistency - plus in some, minus in others.

"Welcoming" often takes long time for people to feel integrated in community.

Implications of no major research institution?

Need for strengthened transportation connectivity throughout region.

Data on private-sector capital investment? Useful measurement of new dollars in region.

Data on story in age cohort changes affecting labor force participation? Where is in-migration and out-migration in age cohorts?

Promote regional opportunities with "close-enough commutes" for dual-income couples.

Should Vision include "community development?" Can we discuss levers?

What is the communications plan?

Don't just talk about "jobs," talk about "career opportunities."

Look to Colorado and Wisconsin as models for building newly-diverse communities.

Based on the objectives, reorder goals: "Growing Potential," "Growing Opportunity," "Growing Population."

Call out funding tranches resulting from Windham CEDS: private sector, federal, state, philanthropic, endogenous/exogenous, etc.

Rural regions have higher levels of disability in general population, and entrepreneurs create many jobs for disabled workforce.

Clarifying "inclusiveness" and "sustainability" as keywords or key concepts.