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From: Lamoureux, Denise [mailto:Denise.Lamoureux@vermont.gov]

Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 1:40 PM

To: Amila Merdzanovic <a href="mailto:amerdzanovic@uscrivt.org">amerdzanovic@uscrivt.org</a>; Friedman, Martha

< Martha. Friedman@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Rutland

Amila,

Can you send us the list of people you invite so that we can add our contacts and see you will attend?

Thanks,

Denise Lamoureux
Director, Refugee Office and State Refugee Coordinator
PLEASE NOTE MY NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER, EFFECTIVE 02/29/16:
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From: Amila Merdzanovic [mailto:amerdzanovic@uscrivt.org]

Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2016 4:40 PM

To: Lamoureux, Denise < Denise Lamoureux@vermont.gov >; Friedman, Martha

<Martha.Friedman@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Rutland Importance: High

Hello ladies,

I am writing to let you know that we will <u>not</u> be going to Project VISION meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. They have a packed agenda and could not give us more than 15 minutes which, as we all agreed, was not enough to even introduce our selves and explain what each does. However, we had a very productive meeting with Mayor Louras on Friday who, at a short notice, came up to the office and worked with us on identifying the main stakeholders in the area. The plan is to pull together a separate meeting before the end of April, most likely in the evening, and invite all the major players. Stay tuned.

He did share with me that the Governor's office called him after getting a frantic call from DOL inquiring about the plan to resettle '100 Syrians in the next month' in Rutland. Again, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of not sharing the information even if it is confidentially. Please respect our process, you will have plenty of opportunity to

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share and take action once we have met with the stakeholders. At that point we can and will share it widely. It will not serve any one of us well if the community in Rutland learned about it through the grapevine and not directly from us. The above example shows that what people hear and how they interpret it is two different things.

Thank you and I will keep you posted!

Amila

From: Lamoureux, Denise [mailto:Denise.Lamoureux@vermont.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 4:43 PM

To: Amila Merdzanovic <a href="mailto:amerdzanovic@uscrivt.org">amerdzanovic@uscrivt.org</a>

Subject: Rutland Importance: High

Hi Amila,

Could you send me the date, time and location of the Project Vision meeting in April, as well as any other information you have (agenda, who attends, etc.)?

Thank you,

Denise Lamoureux
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