

**Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness - DRAFT
September 16, 2014 Minutes**

Attendees: Mike McNamara (HUD-Burlington office); Arwen Farrell (TPHT), Jennie Gibson (TPHT), Ramsey Papp (Capstone), Kathy Metras (NEKCA), Sara Kobylenski (UVH), MaryEllen Mendl (VT211), Kiall Morris (Bennington County Regional Commission), Maura Collins (VHFA), Sarah Phillips (AHS-OEO), Brooke Salls (GSH), Dawn Butterfield (Capstone), Timothy Schroeder (DMH), Avaloy Lanning (BCCH), Ingrid Pixley (CSAC), Chris Dalley (AHS-ESD), Lucie Fortier (BADIC), Whitney Nichols (Peer Advocate), Daniel Blankenship (VSHA)

Minutes- July minutes approved by consensus.

VCEH Overview- Sara described the differences between the VT Balance of State CoC and the local CoCs. Local CoCs, state partners and others make up the composition of the VT Balance of State CoC. Essential to get involvement and direction from Local CoCs to drive the VCEH as the primary decision-making body for the VT BoS CoC.

Local CoC Involvement with VT BoS CoC- VT BoS CoC understands the need for improved tech access to VCEH meetings. What are three important local topics the Local CoCs experience? NOFA Committee needs a new chair! HMIS- Bowman and Michigan CoC presented on Oct. 14.

Homeless Awareness Day- As part of the Legislative Committee, Linda Ryan is organizing the upcoming Homeless Vigil at the Statehouse set for January 8th where VCEH members and individual agencies can engage in conversation with state legislators. Numbers and data of the homeless can be a powerful tool.

Coordinated Entry Workgroup- A formalized, collaborative system to streamline access to homeless assistance to ensure efficient and effective initial access to match people with services and housing. The system may also work to reduce multiple case managers for each household, access housing options, etc. Planning needs to include a wide variety of people, not just the usual folks. Concerns with open data sharing for victims of domestic violence located in non-DV programs; DV prohibited from using HMIS. AHS explains that there is a priority to implement in a timely manner; this venture is facilitated NOT dictated by the State; ultimate responsibility lies with the VT BoS CoC; Rutland and Washington CoCs will start pilot programs in Spring 2015; Monthly planning meeting are held virtually every 4th Monday of each month; Contact Sarah Phillips at AHS-OEO.

Standing Rules- These can be reviewed on the VCEH website for comments.

Treasurer's Report- Dawn reports that there is not enough money to pay for VCEH expenses.

Respectfully Submitted by Daniel Blankenship