

**Vermont Council to End Homelessness**  
**March 17, 2015**  
**Minutes**

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Attendees: Timothy Schroeder, DMH; Carol Flint, BROCC; Renee Sarao, VCEH/VAHC; Jeanne Montross, HOPE; Kelly Greaves, ESD; Jan Rossier, NEKCA; Deborah Hall, HPC; Auceanne Lavalley, VVS/SSVF; Pat Burke, SEVCA; Sarah Phillips, OEO; MaryEllen Mendyl, Vermont 211; Hilary Melton, Pathways VT; Daniel Blankenship, VSHA; Sara Kobylenski, UV Haven; Dawn Butterfield, Capstone; Brian Smith, DMH; Phone: Liz G, CVCLT; Whitney Nichols; Arwen Farrell, TPHT; Erhard Mahnke, VAHC

**January and February Minutes**

Motion to approve-Daniel, Seconded-Sarah Approved

**Treasurer's Report**

Current Balance- \$1,086.85

To date three organizations have paid dues. Discussed the Annual Membership Form. There was some confusion around this form.... It is to be shared now at the local level with partners at the table and utilized as an invoice to submit dues to the coalition.

**PIT Report**

The PIT committee feels as though there was much better data quality this year. They are on target with their timeline, all forms have been entered into Service Point. They are hoping for an initial report for review by March 24<sup>th</sup>.. The goal is to submit the final report by April 17<sup>th</sup> also to get it out to advocacy groups and media sources.

The committee was thanked for all of their hard work.

**Legislative Report**

House Appropriations

No homeless programs are on the cut list with the exception of the DMH Vouchers looking at a proposed \$500,000 cut.

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50% of the Field Services Service Coordination and Direct Services dollars

VHCB \$750,000

\$2,000,000 transfer tax moved into capital bill

Things are still very fluid.

Erhard recommends advocacy-reach out to local legislators thanking them for their support of the important housing support programs. Also request that the DMV vouchers be removed from the cut list.

Lots going on in Washington at the same time. There is concern about the level of appropriations for HUD funding. Both tenant based and project based voucher programs are going to need substantial funding to continue at the current level of support.

Question: has there been any discussion around block grant funding?

Answer: it is being discussed but not sure to what level.

State rental subsidies are going to become more and more important.

Any cuts will have a huge impact on the entire system.

There is talk that when the Revenues are reviewed in April they may be ahead of predictions which may alleviate some pressure.

#### **NOFA Committee**

Strategic Planning Group hasn't met.

Ad Hoc compliance group is meeting the 18<sup>th</sup> to review the check list regarding regulatory requirements.

#### **HMIS RFP**

The RFP will be released on time; i.e. almost immediately. Watch for the RFP and send it out to your local continuums for wide distribution.

#### **Coordinated Entry**

Doing a deep dive into data sharing, what kind of data sharing needs will there be. Privacy needs/requirements.

Service Point has the capacity to allow for varied data sharing opportunities.

They are shooting for June to begin piloting the coordinated entry system.

The next meeting is Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:30.

#### **Other**

Section 8 waitlist opening within the next six weeks. There will be a new application and the new application must be used. The old app will no longer be accepted.

The draft consolidate plan is up on DHCD's website.

ESG/CHG will now be consolidated and known as Housing and Opportunities Grant or HOP grant. The RFP should be out approximately April 1<sup>st</sup> with about six weeks to respond.

There is a goal to reserve emergency shelter capacity.

Rapid re-housing-NEKCA and Upper Valley Haven will be joining Rutland and Brattleboro... in October to provide rapid re-housing through their HUD grant.

Work still moving forward with the new project in Rutland-14 beds for chronic homeless.

Next Meeting  
April 15, 2015