

Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness - DRAFT

November 18, 2014 Minutes

Attendees: Sarah Phillips (AHS-OEO), Sara Kobylenski (UVH), Brian Smith (DMH), Rebeka Lawrence-Gomez (Pathways VT), Kathy Metras (NEKCA), Emily Clever (Winston Prouty), Pat Burke (SEVCA), Richard Rankin (Data Remedies), Chris Dalley (ESD-DCF), MaryEllen Mendl (VT 211), Brook Salls (GSH), Renee Sarao (VCEH/VAHC), Timothy Schroeder (DMH)

Phone: Jeanne Montross (HOPE)

Announcements: DCF Temporary Housing Data distributed by Chris; OEO Shining a Light on Poverty Webinar series reminder by Sarah.

ESG Final Report Review (Sarah): Sarah presented the Emergency Solutions Grant VT Annual Report for FY 2014.

Committees:

- **Overview (Sara):** Goal is to provide framework, beef up infrastructure, have more transparency, and provide clear statements of the frame of what each committee is doing.
- **PIT (MaryEllen & Jeanne):** MaryEllen discussed the proposed changes in format and language. Suggested changes by group: change the word “unfit” to “unintended” in Section 3, fit entire Section 4 chart on same page, emphasize literal homelessness in section 3, expand gender terminology in section 4, and make clearer that form has two sides. Sara suggested that the AHS Field Directors be the leads in each reporting district. Training would take place at a local level. Pat said that local CoCs could be the distribution point, and then report back to AHS director. Brian suggested that Field Directors be a part of training. Sarah said that she would attempt to get this idea put on the upcoming AHS Field Directors Meeting agenda and report back.
- **Coordinated Entry Workgroup:** No report.
- **Legislative (Sara):** Sara reported on the Governor’s Poverty Council. Continued support for VT rental subsidies. Fear that funds will be cut. Work must be done locally as advocates. Brian mentioned the discussion surrounding the deficit – large number for next year that would potentially be devastating. Need to plan to reduce impact and look ahead even further. Sarah stated that we all need to be prepared to be on the defensive. Pat stated that we all should continually stress that need is still there throughout.
- **HMIS & NOFA (Sara):** Sara discussed finding a new HMIS lead, creating a RFP for any entities that want to present themselves as candidates. Need HMIS RFP subgroup and NOFA strategic committee. Brian mentioned HUD focus on how continuum is performing, not individual groups. Sarah stated that NOFA group would be ongoing, needs to start soon. The HMIS RFP group, while short-term, would be doing a lot of work quickly. Richard asked if anyone has been consulted for technical assistance for the RFP – Lindsey has been.
NOFA- It was decided that Josh, Brooke, Brian, and Daniel would be the members of the NOFA committee.

HMIS- Jennifer was volunteered, Daniel, will ask Linda Anderson @ Capstone, Paul or Sarah from AHS-OEO, Jessica @ Homeless Prevention Center, Cathy from UVM also suggested by Richard.

Additional suggestions for next month's agenda: Richard asked for 5 minutes to allow Tim to give a report on statistics he found while completing his VISTA quarterly report.