**Hartford & NHCEH Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday June 29, 2017**

**Present:**

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The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am in Room 170 at the State Office Building at 118 Prospect Street in White River Junction.

1. **Approval of Minutes from May 25th Meeting**
   * May 25th meeting minutes passed by unanimous vote
2. **Work Group Development**
   * Coordinated Communication Workgroup - *create a consistent group message that explains to people that this is happening in your area.* Workgroup members identified to date: Lynne Goodwin, Ramsey Papp, Corbin Burstein
   * Community Building Event – *bring key community players to the table to brainstorm ways to positively impact the toll homelessness takes on individuals and systems in our community.* Workgroup members identified to date: Linda Anderson, Jennifer Fontaine
3. **Coordinated Entry**
   * Upper Valley Haven needs data sharing agreements signed
   * Emergency Shelter Prioritization (i.e. deciding which family is most appropriate for one available Rapid Re-housing voucher) – Renee is having a phone meeting to talk about this
   * There will be lists available monthly based on assessments. The assessment tool will tell us the best type of assistance to provide. Decisions re: prioritization for limited Rapid Re-housing resources such as vouchers will be made at the monthly Housing Task Force Meetings. Currently there are no changes to how clients access prevention services.
   * The assessment tool will be available through ServicePoint once data sharing agreements have been signed.
   * There will be a webinar available on how to talk to participants about consent, confidentiality
   * DV Agencies can use aliases
   * The assessment tools will help us allocate funds
   * The Haven will start using the tool Monday July 3rd.
4. **VCEH** 
   * Question – who is a voting member? There is a difference between voting members and the general public who can attend and comment.
   * All of our organizations should be paying dues. Members felt this is working.
   * Should invite the local schools homeless liaisons to the CoC meetings. Should invite Whitney Hussong from HCRS as well.
   * Laurel posted our meeting minutes on the VCEH website.
5. **Co-chairs**
   * Linda Anderson & Lynne Boyle were voted in to continue as Co-chairs for the Hartford & NHCEH CoC.
6. **VCEH Votes** 
   * Discussed scoring tool
   * Question – should Good Samaritan Haven be involved in reallocating CoC Projects Policy due to potential use / need for grant funds? This question was raised last year when SEVCA was on the team.
   * CoC members discussed all 8 items presented by VCEH and voted yes to all.
7. **GA Funding Cuts** 
   * GA Alternatives through Upper Valley Haven – staff meet with people getting hotel vouchers. Units are only used for families.
   * Currently funding is only guaranteed through September.
   * At the next Field Director’s meeting they will talk about GA.
   * CoC should let the state know that they are asking the wrong questions.
   * Would be problematic to run warming shelters year round if using volunteers.
   * Proposal is to cut solutions that work.
8. **Updates**
   * Capstone – Vermont Health Connect Navigation services are no longer being offered through Capstone. People in the Randolph area should be able to access in-person assistance at Gifford. It was suggested that Capstone check the Byrne Foundation for possible grant funding to continue services. SEVCA has been funded to continue services.

**Next Meetings**

* *Thursday July 27, 2017*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ramsey Papp

*w/ edits by Linda Anderson*