VCEH Monthly Meeting – November 20, 2012 10:30am – 12:00pm

Vermont Enterprise Center, Randolph, VT

*At meeting*:

Jeanne Montross (HOPE), Pat Burke (SEVCA), MaryEllen Mendl (VT 2-1-1), Julie Wellman (Twin Pines Housing), Daniel Blankenship (VSHA), Brian Smith (BMH), Jamie Preston (CSAC), Richard Rankin, (Data Remedies), Amy Perez (CVCAC), Kathy Metras (NEKCA), Shannon Tzrinske (Data Remedies), John Rauscher (Veterans Inc.).

*Call-in*:

Erhard Mahnke (VAHC), Linda Ryan (Samaritan House), Sara Kobylenski (Upper Valley Haven), Sarah Phillips (OEO), Auburn Watersong (Upper Valley Haven).

1. Introductions
2. Announcements
3. MaryEllen announces that the Chittenden CoC elected Brian Pine & Erin Ahern as new cochairs.
4. Homeless Day Vigil – Continuum plans:

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* Northeast Kingdom: All-night vigil Friday, Nov. 30 – Saturday, December 1, 2012 Linda Ryan: BFA students will sleep out.
* Chittenden – MaryEllen: COTS may be doing a vigil.
* Orange/Windsor East – Vigil on 12/21, collaboratively.
* Washington: stand in city park in January.
* Addison: Vergennes, Bristol, and Middlebury will stand in Triangle Park in Middlebury on December 21, 2012 to raise awareness.
* Orange/Windsor West – Communtity recognition
* Rutland – not represented.
* Southern Windsor – meeting first week in December.
* Bennington – not represented.
* AHS – not represented.
1. Linda Ryan: The Homeless Awareness Day and Vigil will take place on January 10th, 2013 in the Card Room and front steps.

i.Vigil @ noon, so senators and representatives will come during there lunchtime.

ii. Need to get press there.

1. Erhard: That is the second day that the senate is open, so committees have not been assigned yet. Suggests that we send out notices to go into mailboxes so that the key legislators will come out.
2. Jenny will track down the 2012 Awareness Day and Vigil flier at VAHC and change the date so that it can be distributed.
3. Jeanne will handle press
4. 501 (c) 3 Status
5. will allow more flexibility to consider hiring part-time staff in the future.
6. $500 for application – Jeanne will complete.
7. Annual tax return
8. it is stated that the group needs to be sensitive of other group’s funding streams.
9. Group wants to move forward; Linda makes motion, Amy seconds the motion.
10. Kathy Metras is opposed to adopting the 501 © 3 status based on how other groups receive funding through other sources. Brian Smith suggests that people need more information. Suggests a pros/cons list.
11. Discussion tabled until January meeting. More information will be provided for December meeting. Send comments and concerns into Kim Woolaver.
12. Pat suggests that if the group does not come to concensus, the coalition should work together to support the group to get them what they need.
13. Website/Listserv – Guidelines for posting and defining the parameters.
14. Brian suggests having someone as a liason to report back. Wants someone to have specific rules for posting.
15. Only Jeanne, Kim, and Jenny can to post, we need to establish the rules so more people can post, as long as they follow posting rules.
16. Erhard states that if you do want to post something, for the time being, send it to Kim, Jeanne, or Jenny.
17. Jeanne requests more free posting by members of the Coalition.
18. Website committee will decide what these rules will look like.
19. Richard states that people on listserv who are outside of the network need to be removed.
20. Cold-Weather Shelters

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* Pat Burke: Warming shelter – open 6:00pm - 9:00am in N. Walpole, New Hampshire, capacity for 10. The coordinator has resigned.
* Kim: wants to open up emergency overflow in Barr. Wants to reduce the transferrance of bed bugs into church space. \*Does not want to put people at shelter in line of blame for bringing bedbugs in.
* Jeanne, Middlebury: Small operation, church space. \*Need staff in order for churches to agree.
* Brian: Brattleboro drop-in center as model. Jeanne asked group if people wanted her to come and present. Brian suggests that Deb Hall could come in and speak to group.

\*Is group interested in targeted opportunity?

b. Cold Weather exemption.

* Kim: Emergency overflow in HMIS
* Daniel: New emergency shelter in Bennington
* Jeanne: Has PATH person distribute “help number”
1. HMIS – ME Mendl
2. Working on HUD TA Request, based on HUD approvals. This is what is going to go in – contact MaryEllen with questions.
3. Review Process: See the report MaryEllen provided.
4. Richard says he will submit it.
5. Point-in-Time
6. Form has been updated. How to distribute the form.
7. Jeanne can distribute electronically to point people/country contacts.
8. Kim states that it should also be sent to people who attended the training.
9. Brian suggests a training in January, maybe before next meeting.
10. Richard suggests maybe on the morning 12/18/12, before next meeting.
11. Group agrees to hold a third PIT Training on 12/18/12
12. NOFA Update – Daniel
13. Deadlines renewal and bonus projects due 12/17. Decisions due by 1/3/13. This means that projects need to be notified of their ranking is in writing.
14. Amount: $114,000 for one year grant or two, three, or four year grants.
15. Everyone can submit questions by email.
16. Conference call on 11/28, anyone can ask questions. Daniel will send out information.
17. HEARTH Update – Kim: Email from Auburn Watersong.
18. Wanted to talk about non-involvement for victim service providers.
19. See: email from Kim 🡪 will be sent back out to the committee.
20. Data Quality Management Systems
21. Meeting after coalition meeting.
22. Will bring changes and plans to coalition’s Steering Committee.
23. Kim wants overall group to have a say in it.