**Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness - Coordinated Entry Workgroup**

**Monday, January 26, 10:30 - Noon**

**AGENDA**

**Welcome & Review Agenda**

**Greg Winters – Presentation, Q&A – Whatcom Homeless Service Center**

<http://usich.gov/usich_resources/solutions/explore/whatcom_homeless_service_center>

<http://www.buildingchanges.org/images/documents/library/2012%20Coordinated%20Entry%20Case%20Studies.pdf>

<http://www.whatcomhsc.org/>

No notes taken during open discussion – questions: about DV, HMIS/data sharing, centralization, process/communication, tools/assessment, outreach, partnerships/referrals, housing interest pool/waitlist, etc.

**Introductions**

Paul, OEO; Lynn Boyle, AHS Field Director; Deborah & Sarah, RHPC; Renee, Upper Valley Haven; Lily S, AHS; Elizabeth, BROC; Cynthia, Clarina Howard; Brooke Salls, Good Samaritan Haven; Jessica, COTS; Brooke, NEKCA; Erin, ESD-GA; Erin, COTS

**Updates –**

* Ongoing conversations on “Ending Family Homelessness” and the USICH Framework – the role that coordinated entry plays this plan/framework (assessment/screening, coordination)
  + <http://usich.gov/population/families/family-connection>
* Deb – Rutland is still processing next steps, form a group of community partners to push forward what’s next, looking at an MOU, thinking about how to compartmentalize the “assessment/screening” tool from their whole process
* dawn – good first meeting between Good Samaritan Haven & Capstone Community Action; Brooke – logistics of data sharing; first step of these two key partners sharing data

**Feedback on Conversation with Greg Winters, WHSC**

* The role of permanent supportive housing – will there be an opportunity for more permanent supportive housing for families in Vt, especially with the “ending family homelessness” push? Perhaps – definitely more work with housing network
* The funding to support planning – how the process played out to come to a centralized system – do people feel like there’s extra steps? Will ask Greg a follow up question.
* Relationship with homeless shelter was not as strong/maybe not clear – the referral process/back and forth, seems like it could work better/differently
* What happens with the client who gets turned away or is waiting a looooong time – what are you providing centrally? What are you relying on from others? Will ask Greg a follow up question.
* For Follow Up: Whatcom Fact Sheet says: “It [Coordinated Entry] has forced us to completely rethink our community’s philosophy and priorities.”  How?  Reduce duplicity/economies of scale? Initial/current resistance to collaborate from any entities?

Send Sarah any other follow up questions

**Draft VCEH Coordinated Entry Summary**

No concerns – Will post & share.

**Next Meeting – HMIS & Data Sharing**

* What do we need?
* What do we need to do?
  + ESD – big questions here with HMIS?
* Legal advice around confidentiality and data sharing? What are the limitations – what kind of permissions?
  + Sarah talk to Lindsey Stillman
  + Maybe as follow up to Greg – SA/MH, differing laws
* RRankin – understanding ServicePoint’s functionality
* RRankin – sample agreements from others? Other examples?

**Also Next Meeting**

* **Share visual diagram for coordinated entry from Rutland and Washington County Mtgs.**

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 23rd**