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

**Monday, February 29, 10:30 – Noon**

**Agenda**

**Attendees**

Sarah Phillips, OEO; Jim Bastien, VA; Renee Weeks, Upper Valley Haven; Deb & Sarah from Rutland Homeless Prevention Center; Elizabeth Eddy, BROC; dawn butterfield, Capstone; Jessica Bernard, COTS; Meghan Morrow, ICA; Joel Remigio, Cloudburst Group; Rich McInerney, Springfield Supportive Housing; Margaret Bozik, CHT

**Final review of Veterans Protocol (revised version attached)**

There was a good final review of this protocol. Folks agreed that it represented the work of the committee. Jim Bastien recommended that we ask whether the individual knows if they are eligible for VA Services – if the answer is “no”, then the referral could be directly to Vermont Veterans Services/Veterans Inc (SSVF Providers). If the answer is “yes” or “I don’t know”, then the referral can be to the VA WRJ office. There was a good discussion of tools and training that could be made available to the assessment provider by the VA office (1010EZ) or that may be coming out nationally (SQUARES) to support better screening/referrals. These could be added to the process continually.

**Case Walk Thru of Assessment Tool (bring some case examples)**

This was tabled until the in-person meeting on 3/15/16. We did review Version 1 of both the Screening and Assessment Tool. The need for training on these tools was reiterated during discussion. Sarah will send to committee for final mark-up.

**Review of ROI (revised version attached)**

There was a good discussion of the feedback received from Cloudburst (HMIS TA Provider), with ICA and Cloudburst on the call. In general, concerns have centered around include information about victims fleeing DV in HMIS, and how to put adequate protocols in place to protect safety. Some final edits were made for consideration. The form is being reviewed for HIPAA compliance. All clients have the right to refuse to have their information included in HMIS, but as a matter of practice, explicit consent to have information stored in HMIS is not required – consent IS required for sharing information. Could our DV partners help develop a statewide screening tool regarding both data storage in HMIS (closed) and data shared?

**Permanent Supportive Housing – Map it Out**

This was tabled until the in-person meeting on 3/15/16

**Starting the Youth Conversation**

**Bethany Pombar, Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs (VCRHYP)**

Two segments of Unaccompanied Youth to consider:

* Youth up to age 18 (unaccompanied minors)
* 18-24 year olds

Unaccompanied youth needing someone over 18 to sign for them. How many points of contact with the parent/guardian are needed? Youth providers try to streamline these interactions.

Youth disengage quickly (when they don’t get what they need quickly) – How will we consider this developmental need in our system?

Bethany and others on the call agreed that the vast majority (all?) referrals for unaccompanied minors are going directly to VCRHYP partners. Folks agreed that this seemed appropriate and we will want to continue this practice.

It’s clear that we will want to ask all VCRHRP partners to be Assessment Partners

Can we look at the assessment tool – 18 to 24 year olds lack rental history, does the tool adequately address?

These were some initial ideas for consideration that the committee will want to continue to build on.

**Next Mtg: Tuesday, March 15 following VCEH**

**12:30 - 3pm**