



Draft **VCEH April Meeting Minutes**

April 15, 2014

Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church
43 Hebard Hill Road, Randolph

In attendance: Ingrid Pixley (CSAC); Sarah Phillips (OEO); Pat Burke (SEVCA); Chris Dalley (ESD); Rick DeAngelis (VHCB); David DeAngelis (BHA); Deborah Hall (Homeless Prev. Ctr); Lucie Fortier (BADIC); Geoff Ayers (DMH); Richard Rankin (Data Remedies); Paul Dragon (OEO); Brooke Salls (GSH); Dawn Butterfield (CVCAC); Brian Smith (DMH); Sara Kobylenski (UVH); Peggy Treanor (Samaritan House); Linda Ryan (Samaritan House); Josh Davis (Morninside); Auburn Watersong (VNDSV); Jeanne Montross (HOPE); Whitney Nichols; Daniel Blankenship (VSHA); Kathy Metras (NEKCA); Rebeka Lawrence-Gomez (Pathways VT); Justin Henry (VAHC/VCEH)

Consent Agenda

March meeting minutes – *Amended* to add Brian Smith and Whitney Nichols as in attendance, amended minutes -**Approved**

After Hours housing report

- Discussion of new numbers
- 211 Report: <http://helpingtohousevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/March-211-After-Hours-Report.pdf>

EA Hotel Room numbers

- Discussion on reasons for use and why people might not want to go to shelter (kids, etc.).

NOFA Committee –

- Call-in meetings have been effective.
- **Invitations** for new folks to join NOFA committee.

HMIS-

- About 50 people responded to recent Service Point Evaluation.

- Three HMIS demonstrations to take place as online webinars.
- The time frame to decide on a Single HMIS is up to the Continuum.

Point In Time

- Report will be released April 16.
- Media has been alerted, working with reporters.
- PIT report to show ~9% increase from 2013.
- Trends show increase in homelessness in last four years.
- Domestic violence numbers do not include children.

Coordinated Entry and Assessment

- Sarah Phillips presented a new map/flowchart, mapping out existing entry points and referrals. A blank map is provided for local CoCs to fill-in/adapt.

Letter to HUD, input from providers, HUD priorities and Con Plan

- Con Plan: http://accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/housing/planning/consolidated_plan
- Pat Burke recently met with Congressional leaders, staffs are expecting letter.
- VCEH is preparing to send comments to HUD in regard to the manner in which they do business with us. Letter to focus on issues concerning the changes in priorities that place more burden on local communities and may contribute to less services or less effective services for homeless people; the increasing administrative burdens; reporting requirements that we believe are not capturing useful data or serving any helpful purpose as far as we can see; and their dysfunctional manner of communication and lack of timely response or helpful information when we have a question or an issue that needs to be resolved.
- Request for additional comments to help shape letter to be sent by April 24 to Jeanne Montross, Josh Davis, and Pat Burke.

Pathways SSA Application

- Public Comments on granting Pathways VT Special Service Agency Designation to deliver mental-health services to adults throughout the State due by April 18

June Meeting

- Plan for a special event after regular June meeting regarding Cold Weather Shelters
- Meeting will bring ideas, sharing of best practices of Overflow Shelter Providers
- Work group formed to help plan event, request for more volunteers to help with planning