

VCEH Minutes

4/19/2016

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10:00- Introductions

Minutes: Motion- Sara Koblyinski

Second- Rita Durgin

Approved

Treasurers Report- Motion to accept PatBurke Second Rita Durgin

Approved

PIT Committee report-MaryEllen thanked everyone who helped with the PIT report. Its out and committee feels really good about it this year.

Link for report: http://helpingtohousevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Vermont-PIT-Summary_FINAL_3.30.16-1.pdf

HMIS Advisory Committee report: Looking for the continuum to approve the charter. There are two changes made from the version that was sent out. The first sentence the word “establishing” was exchanged for the word “developing”.

Other change, only one vote per agency.

Request was made for the HMIS to get the latest version back out immediately so we can discuss and be ready to vote for May meeting.

ICA Report- Slowly getting VA agencies entering data into HMIS. Also, working with Vermont coalition of Homeless and Runaway Youth providers.

NOFA-Deferred until May

Legislative Committee- See attached

May 7th has been the date set for legislature’s adjournment.

A discussion ensued about the elimination of the Field Services dollars and how valuable that money is to the local communities. It is a small amount of money with “high” leverage-ability.

Recommendation-Draft a letter from the Chairs of each COC to Secretary Cohen to express the concern regarding the cut of the Field Services flex funding as well as reach out to Senate Appropriations members to advocate.

Moved Dawn Butterfield Seconded Joyce Cloutier
Abstained-Emily Higgins, Brian Smith
Passed.

Presentation from Chittenden COC RE: Collective Impact Development
Brief discussion around process and the group decided to utilize the work started by Chittenden as a jumping off point in the planning process of the future work of the coalition.

Moving forward with the VCEH:

Limited number of staff to help with this work
VSHA-managing the collaborative Application to HUD
HMIS-New partner
Rest of work is done by agency folks volunteering their time to move the work forward.

OEO made a suggestion that they may have money to help support the work of the continuum.

Also received a larger planning grant from HUD with some available funding.

In the collective impact model, there should be a backbone organization
VSHA would be interested in housing a position and providing the match of space, etc.
If the Continuum decided to create a role like this, it would be important to have a formal system in place to manage the work.

The position could be a TA coordinator, an Executive Director who answers to the CoC.
CoC coordinator....working locally for strategic planning. Institutionalizing organization development.

Lots of questions...

Are there other continua who have this type of position and could we do the research on this?

Suggestion-where are we going and then what type of staffing would we need?

So where are we?

Don't do anything

Do some visioning and planning

Just get some staffing

Get some visioning and planning and then staffing.

Should there be one person for both Continua or one for each?

Could this continuum do a retreat using the work from Chittenden as a starting point as well as clarifying the collective impact model?

Sara and MaryEllen along with Brian and Margaret will plan an agenda for a workday retreat. There will be an update at the May meeting.

PATH- due to the small state amount has stayed the same for at least the past decade. Due to the level funding it technically resulted in a 50% cut. As of this morning Brian has been notified that there has been a bill introduced to increase the small state amount from \$300,000 to \$700,000.

Governor is signing an executive order, regarding that public housing agencies must set aside 15% of their units for homeless folks.

Veteran's homeless committee: had the first meeting will be meeting quarterly. Committee has decided to create a workgroup to meet weekly with boots on the ground to help alleviate veteran's homelessness. Needs team members to help identify veteran's and get them hooked to services. Another committee is a policy group. Not comprised of direct service workers led by Robert Burke and will meet monthly. This Thursday an email blast will be sent out... if you're vested in ending veteran's homelessness in the state.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Rossier, Secretary