

Hartford & NHCEH Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 30, 2017

Present:

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The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am in Room 170 at the State Office Building at 118 Prospect Street in White River Junction.

1. CoC Support Specialist – *Laurel Chen*

- Laurel Chen is the new CoC Support Specialist working on behalf of the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness (VCEH – the Balance of State CoC). This is a new position.
- Currently she is traveling around the state to meet with local CoCs to discuss what supports they would like as the plan is to tailor the job to meet the needs of the local CoCs.
- She is working on the VCEH website to make it more user friendly.
- She is working on some tools to help CoCs with action planning
- She is looking for additional input from us as to what our needs are. Anyone with suggestions should e-mail her at laurel@vsha.org.
 - Linda Anderson expressed interest in tools for strategic/ action planning.
 - Renee Weeks mentioned that one of the projects the CoC worked on in the past was SROs.

2. Brief Review of January 19th & February 23rd Meetings

As many people were unable to attend the January and February meetings and we do not have minutes from those meetings we reviewed what people could remember. Unfortunately there was little to report from January but Faye Grearson had some notes from the February meeting:

- Lost Tri-Cap staff person in Lebanon area. March update – the job has been offered.
- Vermont Rental Subsidy was running out of funds
- VASH Vouchers were available
- 211 training staff – after hours calls are answered by staff in Maine

3. Reports / Updates / Announcements

- Report out on Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness Meeting March 21st:
 - Legislative updates – budget in the house appropriations committee proposed:
 - Cut out cold weather exceptions
 - 2.5 million cut to Agency of Human Services ordered
 - Occupancy fee was up for a vote

Pat Burke advocated for Advocacy and shared the list of programs that were being considered for cuts to funding

- Section 8 level funded or cut – Vermont could lose up to 1,800 vouchers
 - No PIT updates
 - Daniel B – HUD is starting new reporting system
 - No Shelter + Care vouchers available
 - All vouchers closed with exception of FUV and VASH
 - Vermont Rental Subsidies – people can apply for extensions.
- Renee Weeks suggested it would be helpful to have the Housing Inventory for the community available. Are there simple ways for members to access:
 - Affordable Housing online directory?
 - HIC?
 - Coordinated Entry:
 - Assessment Partners – Capstone & SEVCA
 - Referral Partners – WISE, HCRS, Clara Martin Center, ESD, Pathways, Blueprint (Patrick Clark needs to sign for Blueprint)
 - For members looking for more information on the Coordinated Entry process there is information available on the VCEH website – www.helpingtohousevt.org.
 - Renee Weeks shared a draft of the confidentiality and data sharing agreements. They are almost ready to go.
 - Renee shared the criteria for prioritization.
 - Interesting Intervention Models:
 - Fletcher Allen partnered with Charter House (funded by the hospital) to house people coming out of inpatient care who need medical care.
 - In Hawaii – there is a senator suggesting prescribing “housing” for homeless people to combat medical costs.
 - Permanent Supportive Housing in Brattleboro area.
 - Champlain Housing Trust has been strategizing a plan to battle homelessness.
 - The Haven:
 - Renee Weeks reported that the seasonal shelter was still open. It usually closes mid to late April.
 - They will be holding a 2nd Bridges Out of Poverty Day 2 training on May 8th as the April 17th session was full.
 - Their new adult services coordinator has started.
 - They have a new Service Coordinator
 - Twin Pines:
 - They have a new Residence Coordinator.
 - Their office is moving to Gilman Complex on May 1st
 - Pathways:
 - One or two subsidies will be opening up in Windsor County – maybe also in Windham. They are fully staffed in the Windham office.
 - HCRS:
 - New groups starting:
 - Anger management
 - Guided mindfulness
 - Adult access line for referrals

- Lebanon:
 - Waiting for Tri Count Cap to fill position
- Capstone:
 - JFI – please refer. There has been a new change – ABAWDS whose 3Squares closed due to not meeting their work requirement may now be eligible for an additional 6 months of 3Squares if they go through JFI and stick with the program.
- SEVCA:
 - JFI – also looking for referrals
- WISE:
 - Still haven't purchased a house that would give them some transitional housing for domestic / sexual violence survivors.
 - Wednesday 3-4 alcohol support
- Gifford:
 - Chronic pain classes – 6 weeks
 - Diabetes program – year long
 - Smoking cessation – 6 weeks
 - Addiction clinic in Belin office
 - can take up to 225 patients for suboxone
 - They now have a counselor and a doctor on board who may also come to Randolph
- Reach Up:
 - Shelter expenses for Reach Up if living in a shelter – will get the full shelter expense to save for 1st and security started March 1st.
- A question came up re: incarceration and medical bills incurred in jail – committee members suggested they contact prisoner's rights

Next Meetings

- *Thursday April 27, 2017*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Ramsey Papp

w/ edits by Linda Anderson