



VCEH Monthly Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

via Zoom

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- I. 10:00 Call to Order
- II. 10:05 Brief Announcements (Attendance will be collected via Zoom)
 - a. VSHA.org has funds available to support with housing fundeng needs
 - b. Housing Choice Vouchers limited availability b/c of limited budget
 - c. Mainstream vouchers for persons with disabling condition some available
 - d. VASH vouchers available
 - e. Brattleboro Chalet project-based vouchers available - leasing up next month
 - f. Additional project in Washington county in next few months
 - g. Utility arrearage program now includes municipal water/sewer
<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/vermont-covid-19-arrearage-assistance-program-0#:~:text=The%20Vermont%20COVID%2D19%20Arrearage,water%20and%20sewer%2Fwastewater%20charges>
- III. 10:10 Approval of October meeting minutes
 - a. Daniel moves to approve September and October with correction to time and location
 - b. Kara seconds
 - c. Unanimous approval
 - i. Edits: time
- IV. 10:15 Treasurer's Report - dawn Butterfield
 - a. Not available
 - b. Reminder re: Strategic Planning grant expenditures
- V. 10:20 Committee Updates
 - a. 10:20 Strategic Planning – 10 Minutes – Rebeka/Renee
 - i. Online Training preview
 - ii. VCEH staff positions
 1. Executive Director second interview planned for Monday next week (two strong candidates)
 2. Support Specialist interview this afternoon
 - b. 10:30 Legislative Committee – 30 Minutes - Ellen Hender
 - i. 2020/2021 Legislative Priorities
 - ii. Introduction by Erhard:
 - iii. Summation from Legislative Committee meeting
 - iv. Likely challenging legislative session
 1. Virtual statehouse, revenue shortfalls, new lawmakers
 - v. Historically joint priorities between Vermont Affordable Housing Committee (VAHC) and VCEH
 - vi. Set of recommendations anticipated for December meeting



Funding requests/priorities on sheets shared with meeting announcement

- viii. Legislative Committee Meeting Discussions:
 - 1. Focused on brick and mortar housing
 - 2. Noted influx of funding for services/subsidies - focus on sustainability
 - 3. Discussion re: funding structures - income generation from second homes/out-of-state home purchases
 - 4. Expand rental rehab funding
 - 5. GA Restructure - success with DV organizations - statewide need greater
- ix. Questions and conversation re: rental rehab program
 - 1. Program administered by local home ownership centers
 - 2. 210 or so units online with this program
 - 3. Folks referred by Coordinated Entry have been leased up
 - 4. OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS: How many households leased up from homelessness?
 - 5. 12/11 is last date for application
- x. Covid-19 related housing
 - 1. Eviction cases - landlords plan to resume evictions when moratorium ends (still in place w/state of emergency)
 - 2. Concerns about rental assistance ending as well
 - 3. Landlords reportedly interested in selling b/c of strong market, people seeing "no fault" evictions
 - 4. Rental Stabilization \$, hotel subsidies - huge challenges, hopes for additional federal funds
 - 5. Send households to Vermont Legal Aid for anyone who is behind in rent - help folks pay off non-payment
 - 6. HUD guidance is sheltering persons in own space (congregate setting outbreaks)
- xi. If anyone thinks previous priority areas are not as important please let Erhard and Ellen know.
- xii. Contact Ellen - ehender@uppervalleyhaven.org with other questions/thoughts
- c. 10:55 Governance Committee - 15 minutes
 - i. Review nominations and election process (Daniel reviewed representatives list)
- d. 11:10 HMIS Committee - 10 minutes
 - i. Vendor update
 - 1. Five RFPs received (all invited applied) - have not yet reviewed
 - 2. Will schedule demos and review at meeting this week
 - 3. Demos are long - might have several days per vendor - hoping to have in the next few months
 - 4. Suggestions to maybe not have full demos from all vendors
 - ii. HUD Reports



1. Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) - used to create and send a report to HUD
 2. First submission sent - working on error fixes
 3. Submission due next week - hoping changed to December
 4. Submitting two years in a row
 5. Programs included: shelters, permanent and rapid rehousing, transitional housing
- iii. HUD Unsheltered Point-in-Time count direction - can request an exception
 1. Meghan to request timeline for requesting changes
 2. HIC will be conducted as normal
 3. Sheltered count will be kept the same
- e. Point-in-Time Committee - 10 minutes
 - i. Discussion re: former committee members
 - ii. Committee membership: ICA, Stephen Lunna, Ari Kisler, Kara Casey, Meghan reach out to Lacey @ CHA, Lacey Beetham
 - f. 11:20 - Veterans Committee - 5 minutes
 - i. Refer veterans to Veterans' Committee Representative - recently 20 veterans not referred to committee - contact Will Vilardo
 - ii. Increase in number of homeless veterans since pandemic
 1. Question why increase # of eviction moratorium - folks coming to Vermont from out of state (anecdotal) - b/c of lower Covid counts
 - iii. VASH referrals - a lot of internal referrals (via medical system) - approved 10-15 VASH in recent months
 1. Staff shortages ongoing
 - iv. 11: 25 - Youth Committee - 5 minutes
 1. Hiring youth intern through September 2021
 2. Send cover letter/resume to Maggie
 3. Considering how to proceed forward with demo projects year #2
- VI. 11:30 Covid-19 Updates and/or Information
- a. Verbal consent
 - i. Review example from Chittenden Homeless Alliance
 - ii. December vote warned
 1. Policy
 2. Updated release form
 3. One-page quick guide from ICA re: HMIS recording
 - iii. Define electronic consent - set policy around it (legal checking, etc.)
 1. Kara to do some research
 2. If interested in electronic consent work group reach out to Ari - akisler@vcrhyp
 - b. Re-Housing Recovery Program - Shuan Gilpin
 - i. Discussed previously
 - c. Warming Shelters
 - i. Locations?
 1. Greater FallsUpper Valley not opening



2. Groundwork, Good Samaritan, Lamoille
 3. Possibility of centralized statewide location - CVOEO sharing updates re: hotel
 4. ANEW Place warming Shelter - scheduled to open this winter
- d. Cold Weather for persons who must leave hotels
 - i. Concerns around where people can go
- VII. Adjournment - 12:00 PM