

Vermont Council to End Homelessness
June 16, 2015

Attendees: Kelly Greaves-ESD, Shaun Gilpin-DHCD, Gilan Mewanji-VT Network, Brian Smith-DMH, Tim Schroeder-DMH, Renee Sarao-VCEH, Richard Rankin-Data Remedies, Tracy Collier-Capstone, Dawn Butterfield-Capstone, Paige Ackerson-Kiely-John Graham Shelter, Sarah Phillips-Vt Office of Economic Opportunity, Brooke Brittell-NEKCA, Kathy Metras-NEKCA, Pat Burke-SEVCA, Holly Olio-NCSS, Emily Clever-Winston Prouty, MaryEllen Mendl-Vermont 211, Daniel Blankenship-VSHA, Brook Salls-Good Samaritan House, Judi Joy-Good Samaritan House, Tracy Sweeney-VA-WRJ, Elizabeth Eddy-BROC, Liz Genge-Downstreet, Aliceann Lavellee-SSVF, Rebeka Lawrence-Pathways VT, Connie Sandahl-NEKYS, Whitney Nichols-Advocate, Erhard Menke-VAHC

May Minutes-Tabled as they haven't been posted to website

Budget-Dawn passed out Budget revenue/expense report-See attached.

The coalition is in the black this year and it was recommended that there be consideration to purchase some sort of equipment to allow for the better call-in option.

Rebeka agreed to draft a proposal for the council to review.

Legislative Update-due to phone issues, this update was tabled until the July meeting.

PIT Update- Kudos were issued to Renee for her great work in developing the final product.

A recommendation was made for next year to have a debriefing meeting with both the Balance of State and Chittenden continuums prior to releasing the report to ensure there is a unified message being shared.

HUD NOFA-Daniel distributed two handouts. One with an overview of accronyms and one with an overview of current HUD programs.

This is a year where local continuua should take stock in their existing projects to determine if they should remain the same or should be retooled.

There are two options for new projects:

“Bonus” projects with a focus toward permanent housing
Housing for chronically homeless

The continuum should develop a process for applying for new projects.

If existing partners want to reallocate or retool they should contact Daniel.

Rapid Re-Housing is eventually going to merge and direct the vouchers to where the need is identified.

Services are a missing link and without them we may be groping in our efforts to turn the curve.

A suggestion was made that the state credential additional providers to bill Medicaid to provide services.

HMIS-ICA's goal is to get an office established in Vermont. Adam and Jennifer are the two key contacts. Looking to develop an advisory group in state. Jennifer Fontaine at the Upper Valley Haven is taking the lead, anybody interested in helping can contact Jennifer.

June 26 is the HOP HMIS training.

Coordinated Entry Workgroup-Washington and Rutland are working with ICA to figure out how to meet the needs of coordinated entry among partners.

The next meeting is Monday the 22nd at 10:30. Ongoing information can be found on the Helpingtohousevt.org website.

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