

VCEH
Minutes April 21, 2015

Attendees: Dawn Butterfield-Capstone, Sarah Phillips-OEO, Elizabeth Eddy-Broc, Carole Pomeroy-Economic Services, Kelly Greaves-Economic Services, Brooke Salls-Good Samaritan House, Deborah Hall-Homeless Prevention Center, Daniel Blankenship-VT State Housing Authority, Brian Smith-Dept. Mental Health, Sara Kobylenski-Upper Valley Haven, Kristen Briggs-Clara Martin Center, Shaun Donahue-Field Services, Brooke Brittell-NEKCA, Kathy Metras-NEKCA, Angus Chaney-AHS, Liz Whitmore VTDOC, Rebeka Lawrence Gomez-Pathways, Lize Genge-Downstrat, Pat Burke-SEVCA, Shaun Gilpin-DHCD, Chris Dalley-Economic Services, Jan Rossier-NEKCA

Approval of March Minutes- so approved

Treasurers Report-report distributed and approved

HMIS Lead Agency Selection Process Update

- Need votes from local COC's within next 48 hours

The workgroup put both applications through the assessment grid and one proposal rose to the top resulting in a recommendation from the workgroup.

Action Step-all local groups present information and obtain a vote to be submitted to Daniel, Sara and Kathy by the end of the day Thursday.

Coordinated Entry Workgroup-

- Structuring Access to Resources
 - Access
 - Assessment
 - Referral

Step 1-Phase in with Washington and Rutland Counties

Identifying a Homeless Service Center (HSC) in the local CoC's service delivery area

Each COC should drill down on their local inventory in an effort to determine which provider is best positioned for this task.

Question: how do we move forward with CoC approval/endorsement of the Coordinated Entry Process

Step 2-Housing Barrier Assessment
(Sarah will research tool)

COC Goal- To enhance/develop Rapid Re-housing

If rapid re-housing makes things better what would that look like:

- Families will have fewer points of contact before permanently housed

(COC April minutes 2015)

- Families will have shorter stretches of homelessness prior to being permanently housed

Results...How to measure

The coordinated entry committee would appreciate feedback on the Step 1 Assessment tool.

NOFA Application Process: Daniel expects the NOFA to be out within the month. Melanie has helped with pre-application support. Daniel is looking at a June or July submission.

PIT update: Balance of State's data completed, waiting to distribute the document until Chittenden's is complete and they are combined. Should be soon.

VISTA: Question was posed regarding the support for a VISTA position for next year. The group agreed to continue to support this position.

Legislative Updates: Housing doing relatively well
No new surprises

- There seems to be some flexibility in conversations regarding the GA budget
- Looking to revise Habitability standards particularly with regard to mobile homes
- Looking to regulate the "rent-to-own" businesses

Structure of CoC: question posed-are we doing business in the most effective/efficient fashion possible?

Proposed change: create a steering committee comprised of one voting representative from each COC that meets face-to-face monthly and manages the bulk business of the COC while providing the ongoing link between the statewide work and the local work.

Have quarterly larger group meetings on special topics etc.

Outcome: Bring the concept back to the local COC's for input to be discussed at the May meeting.

Question posed: Could some of the local COC's merge for efficiencies? Initial response was this would be very challenging due to geography, resources etc.

Submitted by
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