



Board Representative	Board Member Position	Affiliation	Present Y/N/P (P= phone)
Doug Sinclair	Addison CoC	Charter House	P
Elizabeth Eddy	Bennington CoC	BROC - Community Action South-West Vermont	Y
Suzanne Legare Belcher	Caledonia/Essex CoC	AHS - Field Representative	N
Margaret Bozik	Chittenden CoC	Champlain Housing Trust	N
Holly Olio	Franklin/GI CoC	NCSS	Y
dawn butterfield	Lamoille CoC/Treasurer	Capstone Community Action	Y
Kathy Griffin	Orleans CoC	Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NECKA)	N
Heather Hinckley	Rutland CoC	Homeless Prevention Center	Y
Brooke Jenkins	Washington CoC	Good Samaritan Shelter	P
VACANT	Windham South		
Pat Burke	Windsor-South/Windham-North	Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	Y
Renee Weeks	Windsor-North/Orange	Upper Valley Haven	P
Josh Davis	Co-Chair	Groundworks Collaborative	Y
Peter Kellerman	Co-Chair	John Graham Housing and Services	Y
Rebeka Lawrence-Gomez	Secretary	Pathways Vermont	Y
Ari Kisler	Youth	Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs (VCRHYP)	Y
Kara Casey	Domestic and Sexual Violence	Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	Y
Jim Bastien	Veterans	U.S. Veterans Administration	Y
Whitney Nichols	Person with Lived Experience		Y
Shawn Kelly	Person with Lived Experience		Y



Emily Higgins	Vermont Agency of Human Services	AHS - Office of Economic Opportunity	Y
Brian Smith	Dept of Mental Health	AHS - Department of Mental Health	Y
Shaun Gilpin	Housing Partners	DHCD	N
Daniel Blankenship	Public Housing Authority/Collaborative Applicant	Vermont State Housing Authority	Y
Meghan Morrow Raftery	HMIS Administrator	Institute for Community Alliances	Y
Erhard Mahnke	Member-At-Large	VAHC	Y (late)
MaryEllen Mendl	Member-At-Large	United Ways of Vermont, 211	N
Deborah Ormsbee	Member-At-Large	Vermont Agency of Education	N

Additional Attendees:

Rick Castillo	VCEH/VSHA
Caitlin Ettenborough	Institute for Community Alliances
Jessica Radbord	VT Legal Aid
Jessica Parker	NCSS
Geoffrey Pippinger	DCF
Julianne Carlson	CIRCLE
Amanda Rigatti	CIRCLE
George Seifert	DCF - OEO
Maura Collins	VHFA
Andrea Tiso	VHFA
Steven Marshal	Chittenden Alliance and Advocate
Travis Poulin	Chittenden Alliance, CVOEO
Angus Chaney	AHS
Connie Sandal	Northeast Kingdom Youth Services



Tara Chase

Windsor County Youth Services

DV - leg updates

Introduction and announcements

- Great River Terrace ribbon cutting in Brattleboro Friday
- Geoffrey Pippingier announced VRS applications are open
 - DCF planning a GA program restructure
 - Collecting input at district visits where they meet with clients, and community meetings to talk with community partners
- Daniel Blankenship
 - Applying for 50 mainstream vouchers (Non-elderly disabled)
 - Waitlist update - April 1200 persons, 650 persons still on list, 170 transitional housing or other preference
- Maura Collins - VHFA Sara (ED) retiring - board doing search
- Whitney Nichols suggested Groundworks Brattleboro for July meeting location
- Jessica Radbord
 - Looking at evictions in 2016 in Windsor/Lamoille counties
 - Data implies it could cost less than \$1 million to stop 1/2 evictions
 - Considering policy solutions too

Approval of Minutes

- **Kara moves to accept minutes as presented, Heather seconds**
- *Passed unanimously*

Local Continua of Care:

Heather Hinkley - Rutland Continuum of Care

- Do not focus on individual cases
- Areas of focus:
 - Coordinated Entry - includes outreach to education providers and referral partners
 - VISTA position still searching
 - PIT count
 - More outreach/communication with other agencies for accurate PIT count
 - Project Vision - collaboration with many organizations and individuals to improve city
 - Shared language
 - Shared service plans - who provides what supports?
 - Strong collaboration

- Awareness committee on CoC re: what is the CoC and how community members can participate
- Housing Review Team (meet bi-monthly)
 - Review “hard households”
 - Vermont Rental Subsidy reviews
- Landlord Liaison Program - Heather working with over 300 landlords
- Rutland Housing Trust developed list of specific unit needs

Family Unification Notice of Funding Availability - *Daniel Blankenship and Angus Chaney*

- VSHA currently has 300 FUV (family unification vouchers)
 - Eligibility:
 - Primary reason family is not together is lack of housing
 - Youth who have aged out of foster care 18-24 years old
 - Family Services, Youth Development, Family Supportive Housing, Reach-Up
 - All referrals through central DCF office
 - Other resources = VRS, other vouchers, rapid re-housing, etc.
 - Broadened eligibility (includes double-uped and couch surfing)
 - Partnership with VCEH, CoC, VSHA
 - 100 people on waiting list (narrower eligibility)
 - 95% utilization rate
 - Description of proposed relationship with CE
 - Eligibility issue (over time eligibility may vary)
 - CE assessment will determine categorical eligibility
 - Hoping that persons who would be eligible could be referred back to community for support services match
- Conversation re: services capacity to match additional subsidies
- VSHA has Family Self-Sufficiency support available for additional assistance to families
- Burlington Housing Authority FUV will be used for Chittenden-based families first
- Conversation re: balance of subsidies, services and housing availability (HOP services funding, VHFA tax credits going towards units that have 25% homeless)

Josh moves to approve the statement below, dawn seconds

Approved by all with Daniel abstains

The Vermont Balance of State CoC is committed to cooperate with and assist the PHA (Vermont State Housing Authority) and PCWA (VT Agency of Human Services) to fulfill each of the following responsibilities:

- a) Integrate the prioritization and referral process for FUP-eligible youth into the CoC's coordinated entry process.
- b) Identify services to be provided using CoC program funds to families and youth who qualify for CoC program assistance.
- c) Participate in regular meetings conducted by the PHA and PCWA (at least quarterly).
- d) Comply with the provisions of the MOU.

Committee Updates:

- HMIS - Meghan Morrow and Caitlin Ettenborough
 - HMIS policy and procedures manual updated
 - **Josh moves to approve updates, Holly seconds**
 - *Approved by all, except Kara and Meghan abstain*
 - Advisory board proposal:
 - HMIS Governing board
 - HMIS User group
 - Conversation re: current structure and proposed structure
- Membership Nominations - Whitney
 - Whitney shares that nominations are in process - slate of officers and members will be finalized and sent at least two weeks prior to July meeting
- Legislative Update - Erhard Mahnke
 - Annual out-of-reach report (VAHC)
 - Erhard has sent links via email to documents
 - State budget outstanding ("crisis" between legislative and executive branches) - potential veto override today
 - No changes in budget as last reported (as relates to VCEH priorities)
 - Bills:
 - Rental housing safety bill - workgroup on landlord/tenant issues - how to improve code improvement. \$ for energy efficiencies. Town health officer inspections.
 - Lead paint
 - Reach-up - two vehicles allowed, removed 18, 22 month reviews, broadens work-requirement (includes education in financial classes, etc.)
 - Child poverty council continuing

- Federal updates:
 - HUD appropriations - generally level funded or increases (for FY19)
 - NOFA - Daniel Blankenship (committee members welcome)
 - 2017 Scoring debrief
 - Score lower than last year (despite changes and TA)
 - Point ratios shifted (i.e. RRH for families)
 - Overall did well with system performance - but # persons homeless increased
 - Total points = 200, HMIS implementation is 6, .5 (less than 85% of total beds)
 - 160.75 VCEH score, Chittenden 169 (?), overall score down 15 points from last year
 - General CoC Overview - Daniel Blankenship
 - Handout from Daniel (will be available on website)
 - Ranking policy tool and committee - VOTE WARNING
 - Rapid Rehousing - Domestic Violence - Kara Casey and Daniel Blankenship
 - VSHA to apply - local DV providers to work with local partners if awarded
- Space conversation for next month (Brattleboro or Chandler Music Hall)

Meeting Adjourned by Pete 11:57 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Rebeka Lawrence-Gomez, Pathways Vermont