



Board Representative	Board Member Position	Affiliation	Present Y/N/P
Renee Weeks	Co-Chair	Upper Valley Haven	Y
Rebeka Lawrence-Gomez	Co-Chair	Pathways Vermont	Y
	Secretary		
dawn butterfield	Treasurer	Capstone Community Action	Y
Ari Kisler	One representative for youth	Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs	Y
Kara Casey	One representative for victims of domestic/sexual violence	Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	N
Jason Brill	One representative for veterans	U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs-WRJ VAMC	Y
Shawn Kelly	Up to two representatives with lived experience		P
Whitney Nichols	Up to two representatives with lived experience		Y
Sarah Phillips	AHS-OEO	AHS Office of Economic Opportunity	Y
Brian Smith	VT-AHS- DMH	AHS-VT Dept. of Mental Health	N
Andrea Tieso	One representative for Housing Partners	ACCD-VT Dept. for Housing and Community Development	Y
Daniel Blankenship	One representative for the Vermont State Housing Authority	Vermont State Housing Authority	Y
Meghan Morrow	One representative for the HMIS Lead Agency	Institute for Community Alliances	Y
MaryEllen Mendl	Representatives at large	United Ways of Vermont, 2-1-1	N
Erhard Mahnke	Representatives at large	Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition	N
	Representatives at large	VT Agency of Education	
Sophie Pickens	Addison CoC	Charter House Coalition	Y
Elizabeth Eddy	Bennington CoC	BROC - Community Action in Southwestern Vermont	P
Connie Sandahl	Caledonia & Essex CoC	Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	Y
Travis Poulin	Chittenden CoC	Champlain Housing Trust	P
Jen Stewart	Franklin & Grand Isle CoC	Northwest Counseling & Support Services	Y



Sherry Marcelino	Lamoille CoC	Lamoille County Mental Health Services	N
Linda Anderson	North Windsor & Orange CoC	Upper Valley Haven	Y
Jenna O'Farrell	Orleans CoC	Northeast Kingdom Community Action	Y
Heather Hinckley	Rutland CoC	Homeless Prevention Center	N
Pat Burke	South Windsor & North Windham CoC	Southeastern Vermont Community Action	Y
Karli Schrade	South Windham CoC	Southeast Vermont Community Action	N
Toni Grout	Washington CoC	Capstone Community Action	Y

Additional Attendees:

Andrea Hurley	VCEH CoC Support Specialist
Rhianna Kendrick	Groundworks Collaborative
Rob Farrell	Good Samaritan
Steve Lunna	SSVF
Renada Walters	Vets Inc
Corrina Macnamera	ICA
Joyce Cloutier	Vets Inc
Louise Masterson	ICA
Sierra Hargrave	NEKCA
Phone	
Lee Trapini	Springfield Supportive Housing

**Call To Order
 Announcements:**

- **Pat Burke:** Brattleboro CoC is working towards gaining more understanding about the CoC and disbursing. Is okay to be used in your community. [Will be shared as Attachment](#)
- **Steve Lunna:** Northern New England Summit to End Veterans Homelessness sponsored by HUD, VA, USICH, was a really good turnout. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont presented.
 - The mayors challenges – Collaboration between agencies to get support from the Mayor's position to get the word out that veterans deserve to be housed, etc
 - Vermont has 8 Mayors, First Mayor's commitment from David Allaire, Rutland.

- **Renee Weeks:** Upper Valley and the [Dartmouth-Hitchcock Community Health](#) are collaborating on a new project.
 - D-H are seeing a lot of people with housing issues and crisis, and is collaborating with Upper Valley Haven to meet with the providers to share and educate on what resources are available to allow for less moving around and searching for Clients.
- **VCRYP is hiring** – 3 open positions, YHDP – AmeriCorps, Part-time data entry, fulltime grant project: [Job Descriptions](#)

Attendance and Brief Announcements:

Approval of July Minutes

- Minutes were approved.
- Motion: Sophie Pickens
- Second: Jason Brill, Shawn Kelly
- Abstention:
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APPROVED

Treasurers Report- No major changes for now. Update on Planning Grant – Extended it for 2 months (ends September 30) this put us a little short for the time being but will put us in a better position for Technical assistance help for NOFA in the future. Lived Experience re-imburement will be sent from the planning grant.

Strategic Planning:

- [Progress Report Attached](#)
- Organizational Development for VCEH: Part of the VCEH Strategic Plan is to look more closely into Organizational Development for the Coalition. This is a task that is beyond the time and efforts available for our volunteer board and strategic planning committee. AHS-OEO has committed a small grant given to Groundworks to hire Greg Hessel to do this work in exploring different options on how we can build the capacity of VCEH for the future.
 - We will be scheduling the first meeting in October, if you are interested in joining, please contact [Andrea](#)

Coordinated Entry:

- [Annual Evaluation Report](#)
- [Evaluation Report: Handout Administer funds under HOP, and August 1 – July 30](#)
- HOP awards summary will be sent out soon.
- VOTES warned:
 - 1. [Coordinated Entry Transfer Form:](#) As of right now you cannot transfer a client in HMIS, but you can transfer the client to the CoC. Clients can choose to be on more than once local CoC list and the need for coordination
 - 2. [Section 7 Update.](#)

Youth Coordinated Entry Update:

- Bringing a full draft proposal to VCEH CE Committee in September:
- Meeting again in September 13th and will be working on some final things and questions that we are asking.

- All YHDP projects will interact within Coordinated Entry, some may have more involvement than others. We have urgency to develop this process for YHDP but are thinking about how ALL youth projects will become active in Coordinated Entry.
- Planned to bring a Warned Vote in October.

Legislative

- The Committee is working on creating a Charter. Kara has developed a draft, the committee will look at it during their next meeting and will then bring it to VCEH for approval.
- Joint Meeting with VAHC (Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition) will be on Tuesday September 17th, from 9:30am – 2:00pm Located at the Statehouse in Montpelier.
- Ask of Communities: Please review last year's priorities (Linked), and highlight and/or come up with priorities you have for this coming legislative session. (3 or more?).

Veterans

- BoS effective Aug 15, 2019
 - Active Homeless Veterans – 55
 - Unsheltered – 13
 - GPD/Transitional Housing – 32
 - Chronic/Long-term – 15
 - 15 veterans moved into permanent housing over the 90 day period ending Aug 15, 2019.
 - BoS is not currently meeting any of the USICH Benchmarks.

NOFA

- [Introduction to the Continuum](#)
- VOTE Warned: [VCEH Governance Charter & Policies/Procedures](#)
 - Changes from Last Year's Approved Documents
 - Merged 3 Documents (Governance Charter + Written Standards + Policies & Procedures)
 - Updated VCEH Mission
 - Included **already Approved** – Coordinated Entry Policies, Veterans Policies, HMIS Governance, & HMIS Policies.
 - Note: These can be discussed and changed throughout the year, not just during the NOFA process.
- NOFA Background
 - The NOFA for CoC Programs is a competitive funding source nationally. In order to compete, we as a Balance of State have to get a certain amount of points.
 - The Continuum of Care Program consists of Permanent Supportive Housing (Shelter Plus Care), Rapid Rehousing, HMIS, Coordinated Entry, DV Bonus, Youth Demo.
 - The Balance of State Continuum of Care Board Identifies the Collaborative Applicant (VSHA), the Collaborative Applicant has 60-90 days to gather information and submit both the Community Application, and application for projects.

VSHA [Project Proposals: Attachment](#)

- New Pilot Projects from VSHA to include Services for Shelter Plus Care (PSH) with Match coming from Section 8 Project Based Vouchers. This is a model that we are not sure is even allowable with HUD and are waiting for approval. It is believed that this has been done in Boston for PSH which is where the model for these projects came from. Still awaiting HUD approval.



Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness
August 20, 2019
St. John's Episcopal Church, Randolph, VT

- Money for these projects are from reallocated from unutilized vouchers and the CoC Bonus fund. From our review from TAC (technical assistance collaborative) a CoC Bonus is unlikely. If this model is not allowed by HUD, we will keep our renewals the same as last year.

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date

September 17, 2019 – Joint Meeting with VAHC at Montpelier Statehouse 9:30am – 2pm (Lunch is on your own)