

2017 VCEH Local Continuum of Care Assessment



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Purpose

To assess perspectives on the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness from Local Continua of Care across Vermont

To help the VCEH more clearly define its own role in relation to local CoCs

To identify new ways the VCEH can assist local CoCs in building capacity and meeting local goals

CoC Operations

Decision-making primarily consensus-based, though larger CoCs can be more formal

Strongest CoCs are those that have been able to develop sustainable local leadership

Most successful CoCs cultivating strong relationships between community partners, with legislators



Membership and Attendance

- Need a diversity of organizations at the table, not just HUD-funded groups
 - System needs to include the whole community
 - Key to local advocacy in terms of promoting understanding importance of funding and programs
- Bringing peripheral community partners to the table
 - Only when necessary
 - Facilitates mobilization of support for new community initiatives and solutions

Membership and Attendance Trends

Consistent Attendance Necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· 211/United Way· Community Action Agencies· Economic Services· Homeless Shelters· Local Housing Authorities· Landlord Liaison (If Applicable)· Health Care Providers· Pathways (If Applicable)· Regional Housing Non-Profits· Transitional/Supportive Housing· Veterans Agencies· Substance Abuse· Youth Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Consumers· Department of Children and Families· Homelessness Education Liaison· Local Landlords· Mental Health· Workforce Development

Local Perspectives on the VCEH

Values

Centralized Discussion of what's happening around the state

Funding

Legislative Updates/Statewide Advocacy

Training and Webinars

Communication (Website, email list, etc.)

Needs

Better understanding of what VCEH provides to the local level

Need to clarify our role

More attention to local culture and processes

Technical Support

Communications/PR

Coordinated Entry

Local Perspectives on the VCEH



Common Areas for Local Improvement

Need sense of purpose for Local CoC meetings

Strategic Planning

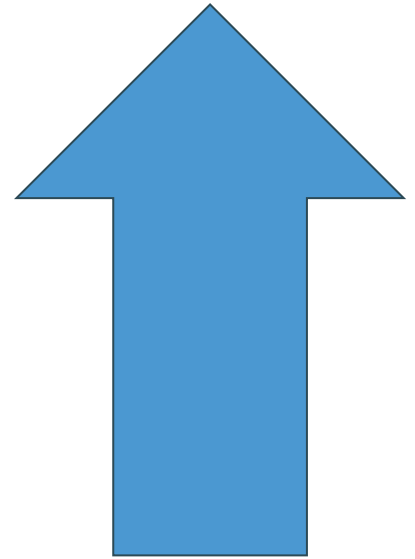
Membership and Outreach

Increasing landlord involvement

Municipal Involvement

Inconsistent Participation

Inadequate Resources



What We're Doing

Strategic Planning

Training

Communications

Information Sharing

A Few Notes

Thank you!

Where to find the report

Questions, Comments, Concerns?

