

VERMONT COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

SUMMER SUMMIT ON HOMELESSNESS

July 28th 2022

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VCEH Summer Summit on Homelessness Agenda

10:00 - 10:15 Welcome: Kara Casey and Jess Graff, VCEH Co-Chairs

10:25 - 10:45 Keynote: Hilary Melton, Executive Director of Pathways Vermont

10:45 - 11:10 Partners of the Year for providing shelter during the pandemic, presented by Sarah Phillips, OEO

11:10 - 11:30 Honoring Rita Markley of COTS, introduced by Paul Dragon, Executive Director CVOEO

11:30 - 12:30 Lunch at the VTC Dining Hall

12:30 - 1:15 Panel of shelter directors discussing “How has the pandemic impacted your thinking about how we provide emergency shelter and services?” Heidi Lacey of Charter House Coalition, Kim Anetsberger of Lamoille Community House, Rick DeAngelis of Good Samaritan Haven. Moderated by Michael Redmond of Upper Valley Haven

1:15 - 1:30 VCEH Governance, Martin Hahn and Kara Casey

1:30 - 2:30 Breakout discussion sessions, introduced by Molly Shimko, VCEH:

- Meeting the needs of homeless youth in Vermont
- Engaging your community to fund the work of ending homelessness
- Creating and supporting healing residences
- Barriers to accessing and utilizing services
- Addressing racial and other disparities
- Legislative and policy strategies to end homelessness
- Local housing coalition strategies
- Applying housing first principles
- Continued discussion with panel of shelter directors

2:30 Thank you & Wrap-up

2:30 - 3:30 Judd Hall will remain open for informal networking

VCEH Partners of the Year 2022

Awardees

This certificate is awarded to the following shelters for outstanding work in providing safe shelter to unhoused Vermonters during the COVID-19 pandemic. This certificate is a testament to their compassion and strategic response to the urgency of the crisis.

ANEW Place
Benning County Coalition for the Homeless
Charter House Coalition
Circle
Clarina Howard Nichols Center
Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS)
Good Samaritan Haven
Groundworks Collaborative
John Graham Housing & Services
Lamoille County House
Mosaic Vermont
New Story Center
Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)
Samaritan House
Spectrum Youth & Family Services
Steps to End Domestic Violence
Umbrella
Upper Valley Haven
Voices Against Violence
Windsor County Youth Services
Women's Freedom Center

VCEH Summer Summit Speakers

Hilary Melton, Pathways Vermont

Hilary Melton has devoted the past 30 years to ending homelessness and creating innovative mental health programs. She has worked in shelters, street outreach, and administered permanent supportive housing programs in New York City and Vermont. She helped pioneer the Housing First model in New York City in the 90s and brought Housing First to Vermont in 2009. As founding Executive Director of Pathways Vermont, she has developed alternative community mental health initiatives, in addition to Housing First, to meet the unmet needs of Vermonters experiencing mental health challenges. These include the Pathways Vermont Community Center, Pathways Vermont Support Line, and Soteria House.

Rita Markley, Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS)

Rita Markley, a longtime leader in the effort to end homelessness in Vermont, will retire from the Committee on Temporary Shelter this fall after three decades of service. Markley has served as COTS' executive director since 1996. She's credited with helping shape the nonprofit into a national leader in homelessness advocacy and programming. Among her achievements is the restoration of the COTS headquarters on 95 North Avenue in Burlington from a run-down building into an activity hub that now hosts a housing resource center and the Daystation, where people can connect with various social services. She also spearheaded several statewide initiatives, including the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness, and has overseen the completion of more than 50 affordable housing units. Another 16 apartments for families are expected to come online over the next year. [Seven Days, 3/21/22]

Discussion Groups (Page 1)

These discussion groups are open to join during the 1:30 - 2:30 hour and will be the beginning of what we hope are many conversations around these topics.

Meeting the Needs of Homeless Youth in Vermont

with Kreig Pinkham, Washington County Youth Services Bureau

Meeting the housing needs of youth and young adults requires a number of different tools and approaches. This conversation will focus on the needs of homeless youth in Vermont and the current services and resources available to them. We'll explore some of the demographics of Vermont's homeless youth populations; how to integrate Positive Youth Development into approaches to providing youth with housing and supportive services; and how best to design services that meet the needs of a population experiencing a multitude of life transitions.

Creating and Supporting Healing Residences

with Kelli Prescott, Vermont Network Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, and Kris Lukens-Rose, Voices Against Violence

The care we extend to ourselves reflects the care we extend beyond the organization. This space will explore conversation and healing practices within your organization.

Engaging Your Community to Fund the Work of Ending Homelessness

with Laura Gillespie, Upper Valley Haven

Upper Valley Haven Director of Development & Communications Laura Gillespie will lead a session on building community engagement to increase financial support of programs.

Local Housing Coalition Strategies

with Jess Graff, CVOEO, & Sue Graff, Agency of Human Services

Jess serves as the chair of the Franklin/Grand Isle Coalition and Sue serves as the co-chair of both the Housing Coalition of Southeastern Vermont & Springfield (SDO) Coalition. This discussion will cover local housing coalition strategies for building community partnerships and improving communication across organizations.

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Addressing Racial and Other Disparities

with Marcella Gange, Community & Economic Development Office (CEDO)

This discussion will address racial and other disparities and go over developing Inclusion and belonging practices in service provision.

Barriers to Accessing and Utilizing Services

with Amelia Klein, Groundworks Collaborative

This discussion will provide a space for us all to learn from one another while learning new ways to assist those that we help in our daily lives. We will discuss what barriers unhoused people may face when accessing services and how can we better serve those people, how can we help to end the stigma that revolves around the unhoused, and how we support those in the LGBTQ+ community that stay in our shelters.

Legislative and Policy Strategies to End Homelessness:

with Kara Casey, Vermont Network Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, & David Martins, Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition

Participants will discuss what legislation and policies would have the biggest impact on ending homelessness in Vermont.

Applying Housing First Principles

with Tori Marukelli, Pathways Vermont

Discussion following up on Hillary Melton's keynote regarding Housing First principles and best practices.

Continued Discussion with Panel of Shelter Directors

Continued discussion with our housing panel around How has the pandemic impacted thinking about how we provide emergency shelter and services

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More Information on Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness

To learn more about the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness
check out our website at www.helpingtohousevt.org

You can also reach out to Martin Hahn, Executive Director at
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Thank you so much for attending our
2022 Summer Summit!