



## VCEH Balance of State Continuum of Care

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

10:00 AM – 11:05 PM

### Meeting Minutes

Report from Martin Hahn, Executive Director

- Introduce Kate Logan, the new director of VT Coalition of Runaway & Homeless Youth Programs. Welcome Kate!
- Capstone is no longer our fiscal sponsor (thank you Capstone for supporting us!). To simplify salary and benefits administration, Molly and Martin are now employees of Champlain Housing Trust under a Memorandum of Agreement. All other matters including financial management, insurance, and legal issues are the responsibility of the VCEH corporation.

**Vote warned:** The VCEH Balance of State CoC agrees to form a Board Committee:

- To evaluate opportunities to apply to HUD in response to “Special Notice of Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness” (NOFO);
- Shall be co-chaired by Martin Hahn and Sarah Phillips, who have the authority to appoint additional committee members;
- With input from the VCEH Balance of State CoC, form a project scoring committee; and
- Undertake/oversee other activities in response to the requirements of the NOFO.

Zack Hughes made a motion to approve the resolution and Sophie Pickens seconded the motion. Approved unanimously

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Zack Hughes made a motion to approve the resolution. Marcella made a motion to amend the motion as follows:

The BoS CoC authorizes Executive Director, Martin Hahn to form, with input from the VCEH Balance of State CoC, a working group of persons with lived experience that is representative of the identities of the community of people with lived experience of homelessness across the State of Vermont to guide and inform the work of the Continuum of Care in Vermont.

Zack made a motion to approve the amended resolution and Ramsey Papp seconded the motion. The amended resolution was approved unanimously.

Beth Burgess provided a report on the Washington County Homelessness Research Project Report. [Report is linked here.](#)

**Vote warned:** Consider amendments to the Veterans Coordinated Entry policies and procedures, as recommended by the Veterans Committee on Homelessness, [linked here](#). From Jason Brill: there are 2 minor changes from the previous 2021 CoC approved versions: (1) the addition of the last sentence, with a hyperlink to CoC website, in Section 6.1 and (2) the current definition of Veteran (section 6.2). The date of the updates is also reflected in the linked version.

We ran out of time and it was agreed that this item would be taken up in an email/electronic vote. Meeting adjourned.

Board Representative	Board Member Position	Affiliation	Present?
Jess Graff	Co-Chair	CVOEO	X
Kara Casey	Co-Chair	VT Network	X
Bill Schrecker	Treasurer	VHFA	X
Amanda Hilliker	One representative for victims of DV/SV	Voices Against Violence, CVOEO	
Jason Brill	One rep for veterans	U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs-WRJ VAMC	X
Marie Lennon	Lived experience		
Whitney Nichols	Lived experience		X
Ari Kisler	VT-AHS	AHS, DCF, OEO	X
Daniel Blankenship	One representative for VSHA	Vermont State Housing Authority	X
Meghan Morrow - Raftery	One representative for the HMIS Lead Agency	Institute for Community Alliances	X
Hannah Heinchon	Representatives at large	WYCSB	
Star Barden	Representatives at large	NEKYS	X
Sophie Pickens	Addison CoC	John Graham	X
Mary Gerisch	Bennington CoC	Bennington Housing Authority	
Casey Winterson	Caledonia & Essex CoC	NEKCA	
Marcella Gange	Chittenden CoC	CEDO	X
Ben Kaufmann	Franklin, Grand Isle	Samaritan House	X
Kim Anetsberger	Lamoille CoC	Lamoille Community House	X
Ramsey Papp	North Windsor & Orange CoC	Capstone Community Action	X
Jessica Makela	Rutland CoC	Homeless Prevention Center-Rutland	X
Lee Trapani	South Windsor & North Windham CoC	Springfield Supported Housing	X
Dan Handy	South Windham CoC	Groundworks	X
Zack Hughes	Washington CoC	Peer Plus Inc	X