



VCEH Balance of State Continuum of Care
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday November 15, 2022
10:00-11:30 am

Meeting Minutes

- 10:05 Consider approval of minutes for VCEH Balance of State CoC meetings held on Sept. 27 and October 18, 2022. Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>.
- **Marie makes a motion to approve the minutes; Kara seconds the motion; Robert is abstaining & all others approve**
- 10:10 VCEH organizational update
- Martin will be leaving VCEH at the end of May 2023, giving six months notice for a smooth transition into new leadership. Martin was hired to help usher VCEH into 501c3 status and create a strong board and governance charter and that work will hopefully be completed at the end of the next six months.
 - Working with Abt Associates on governance structure over the next six months.
 - Kara & Jess: Thanks so much to Martin for all his hard work and we're grateful for his help shepherding us through this period!
 - VCEH executive officers board and hiring committee working on strategic planning and reevaluating needs for the executive director position
- 10:25 VCEH staff reports, Martin Hahn
- VCEH is the collaborative applicant for the HUD NOFO CoC grant applications; we submit the application to HUD. We completed both the regular and special 2022 NOFO grant applications last month.
 - We've previously worked with Melany from TAC as a technical assistant, but she will be finishing our work with us this year. We are looking into bringing on another expert to support the work of submitting the application.
 - At VAHC, David Martins is leaving his position as executive director this month.
 - VAHC is working on the legislative agenda; looking for an interim director; still looking for partnering with VCEH for the future
 - VCEH can partake in VAHC Legislative Work Group
 - Lived Experience Committee: Marie has been a leader on this committee; it's a small committee that meets every other week. We are bringing in various organization leadership to meet with the group
 - Racial justice speaker series with Abundant Sun -- visit their site [LINK HERE](#)
 - ICA Update: Louise will be starting parental leave in early February 2023. Meghan and Karina will still be available during that time and will be leading all PIT/HIC efforts. Please ensure all questions/concerns are directed to vthmis@icalliances.org.
 - We will potentially be changing the time of our board meeting. Stay tuned for updates.
- 10:30 Report and discussion on meetings with Local Housing Coalitions, Katarina Lisaius and Sarah Phillips, Vermont Department for Children and Families.

- [Community Engagement Meetings: ERAP Funding, Winddown, and What is Next](#)
- Adverse Weather Conditions: Season will start Dec 15th to March 15th and a night-by-night basis between now and 12/15 and after 3/15. [LINK](#)

10:45 Federal legislative update

- Update from Erhard Mahnke Senator Sanders' Office: Thanks to Martin and David for leading their respective transitions. Congress is back in session. Democrats continue to be in control of the Senate for the next two years. New congress starting in early January. House appropriations bill for funding federal government needs to go through. Welcome to Becca Balint in the house! Thank you again to Senator Leahy!
- Update from Thifeen Deen Senator-Elect Welch's Office: Any republican majority in the house will be a slim majority and hopefully that will allow some progress on the budget. Welch signed on to two housing-related bills.

10:55 VCEH training and education survey, Molly Shimko

- [Survey for VCEH Education and Training Module Planning](#)
- Please join our education committee if you're interested in the results of the survey and being a part of planning our next education and training projects! Email mshimko@helpingtohousevt.org with interest.

11:05 Report from the field: Orleans & Northern Essex Housing Coalition and Caledonia & Southern Essex Housing Coalition, Robert Little and Casey Winterson

- Both of the Housing Coalitions are retaining autonomy and working together!
- Two-hour meeting each month – half-hour Caledonia/S. Essex, hour all together, half-hour Orleans/N. Essex
- Homeless Health Equity Grant: Lots of training about social determinants of health; training on collective impact model; working with consultants to gather stories from folks with lived experience about their access to healthcare in the NEK; a tool will be utilized across agencies in the NEK; create a united front in NEK for homeless and health equity; lots of municipal pushback on building a shelter in St. Johnsbury

11:20 VCEH committee reports

- Point-Time-Count (PIT) Committee first meeting on Friday 11/18 at 1:30 PM
- Homelessness Awareness Day Committee first meeting on Friday 11/18 at 11 AM
- Please let me know if you have interest in Education and Training Committee; we will be meeting in December around the results of our survey and planning our next education modules and trainings! Email mshimko@helpingtohousevt.org with interest.
- CE Committee: Pushing back annual evaluation, but continuing looking at how to better improve CE; finding ways to connect with folks down the road after interacting with CE
- Veterans Committee meeting on Thursday at 1 PM
- Youth Committee meeting on first Monday of every month at 4 PM; next meeting is December 5th at 4 PM – If you'd like to participate, contact Kate Logan. Youth Advisory Board contact: Kate Logan, klogan@wcysb.org

11:30 Adjourn

Name	Board Member Position	Affiliation	Present?
Jess Graff	Co-Chair	CVOEO	Y
Kara Casey	Co-Chair	VT Network	Y
Bill Schrecker	Treasurer	Vermont Housing & Finance Agency	Y
Amanda Hilliker	One rep for victims of DV/SV	Voices Against Violence, CVOEO	
Jason Brill	One rep for veterans	U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs	Y
Kate Logan	One rep for Youth	VCHRYP	Y
Marie Lennon	Rep with lived experience		Y
Whitney Nichols	Rep with lived experience		Y
Ari Kisler	VT-AHS	AHS, DCF, OEO	Y
Daniel Blankenship	One representative for VSHA	Vermont State Housing Authority	Y
Meghan Morrow - Raftery	One rep for the HMIS Lead Agency	Institute for Community Alliances	Y
Hannah Heinchon	Representatives at large	WYCSB	Y
Star Barden	Representatives at large	NEKYS	
Cherry Sullivan	Representative at large	Upper Valley Haven	
Sophie Pickens	Addison CoC	John Graham Housing & Services	Y
Mary Gerisch	Bennington CoC	Bennington Housing Authority	Y
Robert Little	Caledonia & Essex CoC	Rural Edge	Y
Marcella Gange	Chittenden CoC	CEDO	
Ben Kaufmann	Franklin/Grand Isle CoC	Samaritan House	Y
Kim Anetsberger	Lamoille CoC	Lamoille Community House	Y
Ramsey Papp	North Windsor & Orange CoC	Capstone Community Action	Y
Casey Winterson	Orleans CoC	NEKCA	Y
Jessica Makela	Rutland CoC	Homeless Prevention Center	Y
Lee Trapeni	So Windsor & No Windham CoC	Springfield Supported Housing	Y
Dan Handy	South Windham CoC	Groundworks	Y
Zack Hughes	Washington CoC	Peer Plus Inc	