



VCEH Balance of State Continuum of Care
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday March 21, 2023
10:00-11:30 am

Meeting Minutes

10:00 Call to Order & Attendance

Board meeting business:

10:05 Consider approval of minutes for VCEH Balance of State CoC meetings held on February 21, 2023. Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>.

- **Jess makes a motion to approve February 21, 2023 minutes; Mary seconds; unanimously approved**
- Welcome new member Alyssa Peteani from VHFA!
- Nominating Chelsea Boston from VCHRYP to step in as a board member for Kate Logan.
 - **Star makes a motion to approve Chelsea as a member; Ramsey seconds the motion; unanimously approved. Welcome Chelsea!**
 - Mary would like a VCEH to procure a resignation email from Kate to confirm her resignation.

10:10 VCEH organizational update and staff report

- VCEH has issued an [RFP for a consultant to support our 2023 HUD CoC Grant Application](#)
- Gov. let the budget adjustment go through and additional funds were allocated to GA Emergency Housing Program; [Bill H145 Pages 28—30](#) are specific to the GA funding.)

10:15 Vote warned: The HMIS Advisory committee seeks approval from the Balance of State Continuum of Care to allow the Institute for Community Alliances to send aggregate HMIS data to the Vermont Dept. of Health for their Social Autopsy project to understand linkages between homelessness and substance use. More information is here:

- <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/DSU-2019-2020-Vermont-Social-Autopsy-Report.pdf>
- **Mary has made a motion to pass; Sophie seconds the motion; with Jessica Makela abstaining the motion passes**

10:25 Ari Kisler, chair of the Coordinated Entry committee, presented the annual CE report.

- [2022 CE Annual Evaluation Report](#)

10:45 **Merger between the VT Coalition to End Homelessness and the VT Affordable Housing Coalition.**

Presentation, discussion, feedback, next steps

- Increasing efficiency and sustainability; building a more unified voice in legislature and with other policy makers and in education; addressing full spectrum of policy needs – housing and homelessness issues are a continuum

- Reach out to VSHA board members Robert Little at robertl@ruraledge.org; Lindsay Thrall at lthrall@evernorthus.org; Michelle Kersey at mkersey@downstreet.org or VCEH Staff/Board Members Martin Hahn (ED) at mhahn@helpingtohousevt.org; Kara Casey (Board Co-Chair) kara@vtnetwork.org; Molly Shimko (Program Coordinator) mshimko@helpingtohousevt.org with thoughts, questions, concerns etc.!

11:25 Announcements

11:30 Adjourn

Name	Board Member Position	Affiliation	Present?
Jess Graff	Co-Chair	CVOEO	Y
Kara Casey	Co-Chair	VT Network	Y
Alyssa Peteani	One rep for housing providers	VHFA	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
Chelsea Boston	One rep for Youth	VCHRYP	Y
Marie Lennon	Rep with lived experience		
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	
Star Barden	Representatives at large	NEKYS	Y
Ramsey Papp	Representative at large	Capstone Community Action	Y
Sophie Pickens	Addison Coalition	John Graham Housing & Services	Y
Mary Gerisch	Bennington Coalition	Bennington Housing Authority	Y
Robert Little	Caledonia & Essex Coalition	Rural Edge	Y
Marcella Gange	Chittenden Coalition	CEDO	
Ben Kaufmann	Franklin/Grand Isle Coalition	Samaritan House	Y
Kim Anetsberger	Lamoille Coalition	Lamoille Community House	Y
Cherry Sullivan	North Windsor & Orange Coalition	Upper Valley Haven	Y
Casey Winterson	Orleans Coalition	NEKCA	
Jessica Makela	Rutland Coalition	Homeless Prevention Center	Y
Lee Trapeni	So Windsor & No Windham Coalition	Springfield Supported Housing	Y
Dan Handy	South Windham Coalition	Groundworks	Y
Zack Hughes	Washington Coalition	Peer Plus Inc	