



## VCEH Balance of State Continuum of Care

Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday May 16, 2023

10:00-11:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting:

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### Meeting Minutes

10:00 Call to Order & Attendance

- Please sign in via the chat box with your name and affiliation
- If phoning in please introduce yourself & relationship to VCEH, pronouns optional
- This meeting will be recorded as reference for minutes
- Mute your microphone if you are not talking and, if possible, keep video on

#### Board meeting business:

10:05 Consider approval of minutes for Balance of State CoC meetings held on April 18, 2023.

Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>.

- Jess makes a motion to approve the minutes; Mary seconds the motion; Robert & Leah abstain; motion passes

10:10 VCEH organizational update and staff report

- Please reach out to Martin at [mhahn@helpingtohousevt.org](mailto:mhahn@helpingtohousevt.org) and (802) 595-1232 if you'd like to learn more about VCEH
- HUD CoC Grant Application NOFO:
  - Anne Gass will be our new technical assistant for our HUD CoC Grant Application NOFO process. This process will begin sometime between May and August 2023.
    - Anne has worked on HUD CoC work for 20+ years in Portland and Bangor & wrote all 3 continuum of care applications for some years
    - Written 169 million dollars of successful federal grants
  - We will be having a NOFO committee and you'll be hearing lots from us soon.
  - Please reach out to Martin if you or your organization would like to know more!
- David Reigel spoke last month about merging two statewide housing and homelessness councils & governor signed exec. order to merge these two councils last week! [LINK](#)
- VAHC engaging their membership around future of VAHC including a possible merger with VCEH (and other options). They are having two meetings, today May 16<sup>th</sup> & tomorrow May 17<sup>th</sup>. Primarily for VAHC members but all are welcome.
  - Both boards will likely have votes in June to "go or no-go"
  - We will be hiring either one or two new leaders for our organizations.
- Martin will be out next week for 4 days and then out for 10 days
  - Please reach out to Molly, Jess, or Kara with needs during that time!

10:15 Vote Warned: Consider resolution related to the Family Unification Program. See below for text of resolution.

- This resolution has a deadline by May 25<sup>th</sup>; requires a MOU between VSHA, OEO/DCF, and VCEH/CoC
- This is HUD-required language and required for applicants who apply for vouchers
- This item was discussed and supported in 2018 and is connected to existing work
- This would only add to the pool of vouchers available for use
- **Mary makes a motion to approve this resolution; Star seconds; Daniel abstains; motion passes**

### Other business:

10:25 Updates and Q&A with representatives from AHS: Miranda Gray, Economic Services Deputy Commissioner and Sarah Phillips, OEO Director

- Welcome to Miranda Gray, Economic Services Deputy Commissioner!
  - [LINK to slideshow with information shared during meeting](#)
- Open office hours available over the next month as forum for conversations:
  - Motel Transition Office Hours with ESD and OEO
    - Monday, May 22, 11am – Noon
    - Monday, June 5, 11am – Noon
    - Monday, June 19, 11am – Noon
- These meetings will not be recorded; minutes will be posted. ESD and OEO leadership will provide updates and answer questions from community partners: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- [SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE FY24 HOUSING INVESTMENTS](#)
- Feel free to reach out to Lily if you have specific questions about your ERAP HSS grants at [lily.sojourner@vermont.gov](mailto:lily.sojourner@vermont.gov)

10:50 Report from the field: the process for creating new shelter beds, Kim Anetsberger, Lamoille Community House

- [LINK](#)
- Kate Logan discusses [House Proposal of Amendment S.100](#) which affects zoning issues

11:10 VCEH committee reports:

Coordinated Entry	Veterans Committee
Membership Committee	Youth Committee
Legislative Committee	Education and Training Committee
HUD CoC Funding Committee	Homelessness Awareness Day Committee
Point-In-Time Committee	Strategic Planning
HMIS Advisory Committee	

- PIT Count Presentation from Megan Morrow-Raferty at ICA
  - [See Slideshow](#)

11:20 Announcements

Questions from chat: Can the recording of this meeting be sent to the VCEH email list?

### Family Unification Program

Background on the voucher program can be found on this website, <https://dcf.vermont.gov/o eo/partners/FUP>.

*Resolved, the Vermont Balance of State Board of Directors agrees to assume the following responsibilities regarding the Family Unification Program:*

1. Work with the Public Child Welfare Agency (PCWA – for Vermont, VT Agency of Human Services) to integrate into the coordinated entry process the identification, prioritization, and referral of Family Unification Program -eligible youth not currently within the PCWA’s caseload. [Youth who are part of the PCWA’s active caseload do not have to be added to the CoC’s coordinated entry process.] The CoC should demonstrate how they are assessing the housing and related services needs for youth, and how they come to the determination that a Family Unification Program voucher is the appropriate level of assistance needed;
2. Identify services, if any, to be provided using CoC program funds to Family Unification Program eligible families and/or Family Unification Program eligible youth who qualify for CoC program assistance;
3. Participate in regular meetings conducted by the Public Housing Authority and PCWA (at least quarterly);
4. Upon notification that Family Unification Program vouchers have been awarded, train PHA and PCWA staff on the work of the CoC; and
5. Comply with the provisions of the MOU.

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
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	
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	Y
Bcasen Kaufmann	Franklin/Grand Isle Coalition	Samaritan House	
Kim Anetsberger	Lamoille Coalition	Lamoille Community House	Y
Cherry Sullivan	North Windsor & Orange Coalition	Upper Valley Haven	

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	Y