**11/20/18; 10-11:17am; VCEH CoC Monthly Meeting**

Andrea Tieso (VHFA), Kara Casey (VT Network), Jen Stewart (CVOEO Franklin/Grand Isle Community Action), Travis Poulin (CVOEO Chittenden Community Action), Ari Kisler (VCRHYP), Meghan Morrow Raftery and Caitlyn (ICA), Jessica Radbord, Maureen O’Reilly-Rutland, Jill (VT Legal Aid), Stephen Lunna (UVM SSVF), Shawn Kelly (lived experience), Whitney Nichols (lived experience), Lee Trapeni (SSHP), Rebeka (PVT), Emily Higgins (AHS-OEO), dawn butterfield (Capstone), Susan Howe (SEVCA), Geoffrey Pippenger (AHS-DCF), Stephen Marshall (lived experience/Chittenden CoC), Jason Brill (WRJ-VAMC), Deb Ormsbee (VT AOE), Paul Dragon (AHS), Josh Davis (GWC), Erhard Mahnke (VAHC), Meghan Tedder (HVT), Toni Grout (Capstone), Elizabeth Eddy (BROC), Daniel Blankenship (VSHA), *Dr. Childs-New Hampshire(?)*

**General updates**:

       Daniel:  the new CoC support specialist will start November 26; Andrea Hurley’s previous experience is as an AmeriCorps\*VISTA with AHS in Bennington/Rutland CoCs, her email address will be andrea@vsha.org.

       Geoffrey:  adverse weather this week thru Friday, high GA Motel utilization in Champlain Valley (and a Rutland event is resulting in full occupancy of local motels), limited motel capacity statewide.

       When on the conference call, please mute phones & do not put on hold.

       Whitney is interested in attending the statewide Youth Planning meeting in December.

**Minutes**:  unanimously approved with edits from Daniel to change “VSHA S+C grants” to “VSHA Shelter+Care subsidies”…*which* *will not be available for over 1+ year, unless CoC is awarded new S+C grant covering Washington/Windsor/Windham*.

**Treasurer’s report**:  dawn updated group on revenues/expenses, written report available via VCEH agenda link

**HMIS Committee** (Meghan):

       ICA HMIS newsletter – keep out for the newest edition

       Volunteers Needed from both CoCs (BoS and Chittenden) to be members of a newly configured HMIS Advisory Committee; all vested/interested CoC members are welcome including funders/CoC leadership/etc., not just HMIS providers; an in-person meeting is being planned for January

       Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) – new CoC reporting requirements which provides data on *the local homeless response as a coordinated system, produced from a CoC’s HMIS and submitted annually, provides HUD & CoC’s with critical data about how people experiencing homelessness interact with the system of care*; creates Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress which informs federal spending; Meghan was successful in uploading two reports; final submission due to HUD on November 30 but the website portal is still experiencing some technical issues; <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/LSA/>

**PIT** (Daniel/Stephen):  no new statewide committee yet/still seeking chair, some edit suggestions were discussed in the Chittenden CoC; Jason (VA) - providing a veteran definition located closer to the survey check box; Stephen - Chittenden outreach expanded to libraries/food shelves/etc. and he wants a statistical analysis of the final results; Daniel will send draft 2019 PIT form with above suggested edits to seek comments, along with last year’s training materials and encourage local CoCs and key stakeholders to begin local planning & outreach.

**Legislative** (Erhard):

       VHFA conference was well attended (materials on VAHC website soon)

       Federal Updates - a new Congress; some harmful proposals from administration will be blocked; no FY19 budget yet/gridlock expected – but could be possible good news to homeless assistance funds

       State Updates - a new *super-majority* in House but may not be veto-proof (possible movement on family leave, minimum wage, etc.); first year of no budget shortfalls/surplus – possible one time investments

       Legislative Day (Wednesday, January 16; 7:30am-3pm), many new House members who need to be informed/educated on local needs/programs; try to make appointments with individual senators/reps; CoC members interested in planning for the day - Erhard, Stephen, Pat, Renee, Josh, Rebeka, Whitney, Kara, Deb, Brian, Shawn, Toni, Stephen, others?

**Local CoC Spotlight** – Franklin/Grand Isle (Jen Stewart-CVOEO Community Action):

       Jen highlighted local successes with the 2018 PIT count which showed an increase (community feels is more accurate) due to enhanced outreach/coordination; 2019 PIT planning is starting for the January 2019 count – possibly hosting a Here to Help Clinic (similar to Chittenden) on the same day.

       A private building (Maiden Lane) in St. Albans was taken over by the city; building will be demolished with plans to build new; CHT involved with relocation of current tenants and maybe renting to future tenants; community concerns about where tenants from Maiden Lane will live.

       A recent remodeling, and conversion, of other housing units into luxury apartments will increase demand for limited affordable homes and exacerbates housing crisis.

       Several questions/concerns from Erhard (VAHC) and Jessica/Maureen (VT Legal Aid) - sometimes town health officers resort to condemning buildings; contact VT Legal Aid/VAHC if your area is experiencing challenges.

**Veterans Committee** (Stephen):  VOTE warning on a a three page referral appendix to the CE policies & procedures (see agenda link on VCEH website); Daniel motions to approved; Renee seconds; unanimous vote; motion passes.

**Next Meeting Agenda Topics**:

       Strategic Planning (Erhard/Josh/Rebeka) – discuss and vote on CoC Priorities and potential action items.

       SafeSpace presentation (Kara) – possible December or extended meeting to accommodate full training.

       VSHA Shelter+Care report and presentation (Daniel)