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VCEH Balance of State Continuum of Care
Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday May 16, 2023
10:00-11:30 am

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 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 16th & tomorrow May 17th. 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 25th; 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

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
- Membership Committee
- Legislative Committee
- HUD CoC Funding Committee
- Point-In-Time Committee
- HMIS Advisory Committee
- Veterans Committee
- Youth Committee
- Education and Training Committee
- Homelessness Awareness Day Committee
- Strategic Planning
- 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://def.vermont.gov/oeo/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.

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