

Vermont Balance of State VCEH Continuum of Care

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Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Nov, 21 2023

10:00-11:30 am

Meeting Minutes

10:00 Call to Order & Attendance

10:10 HHAV & VT BoS CoC organizational update, Kara Casey, and staff report, Molly Shimko

- HHAV (the 501c3 that serves as the VT BoS CoC collaborative applicant and shares staffing with the VT BoS CoC) had its first membership meeting on 11/14
 - HHAV new executive Director Frank Knaack hired and starting on December 18th
 - New CoC Program Director hired: Molly Shimko, our current CoC Program Coordinator
- [Chart](#) outlining the structure of HHAV and the VT BoS CoC
 - The VT BoS CoC Board continues to be the decision-making body for the VT BoS CoC. That has not changed from prior to the VCEH-VAHC merger. HHAV has only taken on the collaborative application role that the VCEH 501c3 held.

10:20 Review the new VT BoS CoC Governance Charter with Dusty Olson & Whitney Patterson from Abt Associates

- [Governance Charter PowerPoint presentation](#)
- [New VT BoS CoC Board Makeup](#)
- [VT BoS CoC Membership](#)
- [Presentation of Approved VT BoS CoC Governance Charter](#)

10:40 **Vote warned for full VT BoS CoC Membership:** review and vote to approve the Governance Charter for the Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care

- **Daniel makes a motion to approve; Mary seconds the motion; approved!**
 - **Vote yes: All others attending**
 - **Vote no: None**
 - **Abstain: Ari Kisler and Abby Erwin abstain**

10:45 **Reminder for upcoming VT BoS CoC Membership Meeting on January 16th 2023**

- New VT BoS CoC Board will be voted on by the full VT BoS CoC membership
- Nominations for the six special population representative board positions and executive positions will be made by the membership committee that will be named prior to the January meeting
 - Reminder to LHCs to have nominees for VT BoS CoC board representative to Molly by December 15th. Email names and short bios (including organization, role, population with whom they work) to mshimko@helpingtohousevt.org

- We will also be voting on new executive positions including the co-chairs, so please email Molly with interest or nominations!

10:55 Mark Eley from VT Economic Services Division on Adverse Weather Conditions Housing

- *We will hopefully have AWC slides to share soon*
- [AWC Presentation Recording](#)

11:00 VT BoS CoC Committee Reports:

Coordinated Entry

Membership 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

- **Coordinate Entry (CE):** The committee is working on CE surveys. Reports are due on 19th of December. CE Committee will have data to present on and upcoming vote on master lists and at-risk list vs. category list at next meeting.
- **Veterans Update**
- **Point-in-Time Updates:**
 - The night of Wednesday, January 24th
 - More information coming out about!
 - ICA will be having trainings again for HMIS and Google doc/paper forms.
 - ICA putting together a timeline for due dates
 - Don't forget about the Housing Inventory Count (number of beds in ES, TH, RRH, PSH, and Other PH)
- **HMIS:**
 - Working on the LSA (Longitudinal Systems Analysis), due in January
 - Working System Performance Measures, due in February
 - Planning on doing short monthly data presentations
- **Homeless Awareness Day Updates:**
 - Homelessness Awareness Day: A Day for Action Thursday January 18th
 - Statehouse Portion:
 - Organized by the HHAV legislative committee, testimony in front of several house and senate committees. Reach out to Kara at kara@vtnetwork.org if you're interested in providing testimony or have some you think would be a good fit.
 - In-person memorial/speak-out event at the statehouse
 - Local Housing Coalitions will be putting on events in their region including a flag display representing the # of persons experiencing homelessness in each region that we'd love all regions to participate in. (Last year 5 regions did flag displays: [LINK](#)
 - # of adults: Purple
 - # of children: Light Purple (or Pink)
 - # of elders: Dark Purple (or Blue)
 - ***If flag colors are an issue for your LHC, please feel free to use the colors you have available to you!***
 - This data will be pulled from HMIS/CE list from the Jan. 1 2023 – near end of the year Dec. 2023 (Lead agencies & ICA will help)
 - The committee decided to not include any special populations.
 - Molly will be supplying LHCs with template speech, poster, press releases

- HHAV Legislative Committee is organizing a policy/advocacy training the Monday before the event

11:10 Announcements

- VSHA: Working with HUD to execute grants from CoC Grant; one is A Way Home Rural which will serve 72 households (8 households in 9 counties)

VT BoS CoC Board meeting business:

11:20 Consider approval of minutes for Balance of State CoC meetings held on Oct 17, 2023. Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>.

- **Mary makes a motion to approve; Star seconds the motion; minutes approved!**