



## VCEH Balance of State Continuum of Care

Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday Sept. 19, 2023

10:00-11:30 am

### Meeting Minutes

10:00 Call to Order & Attendance

#### Board meeting business:

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

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

- ***Zack makes a motion to approve the minutes from July; Mary seconds, motion and minutes approved with Kara abstaining***

10:10 VCEH organizational update and staff report

- Sean Thomas, HUD: Please provide feedback on how our state dealt with the flooding impact on the homeless populations. Email Sean at [Sean.W.Thomas@hud.gov](mailto:Sean.W.Thomas@hud.gov)
- Merger between VCEH and VAHC is done. VCEH is the remaining organization, now doing business as Housing and Homelessness of Vermont (HHAV).
- We are still looking for an Executive Director. We have reinstituted the search for both the ED and the CoC Program Director. [LINK](#) to job descriptions.
- We have a possible interim for CoC Program Director.
- We are working on wrapping up our VT CoC BoS governance structure work with Abt Associates.
- ICA has released [Point-in-Time breakouts by local housing coalition and AHS district](#)
- This is Martin Hahn's last meeting with the VT CoC BoS and his last day on Oct. 13. Moment to express gratitude for all the work that Martin has done to strengthen VCEH and VT BoS CoC and the merger.

10:15 **Vote warned:** review and consider approval of revised [Conflict of Interest Policy](#).

- ***Zack makes a motion to approve; Star seconds the motion; motion passes with Dan abstaining***

10:30 Update from OEO and ESD

- Updates from the AHS Housing Director Dave Riegel. The first meeting of the merged Council on Housing and Homelessness is 9/25/23 in Waterbury from 10am-noon. An invite has gone out to all Council Members who were either designated because of a position named in the EO or appointed by the Governor. - [https://governor.vermont.gov/boards\\_and\\_commissions/homelessness](https://governor.vermont.gov/boards_and_commissions/homelessness)
- TAC continues their work on Permanent Supportive Housing. The initial round of Stakeholder engagement is wrapping up with a full report coming in November. We want to thank everyone who has participated in the process so far.
- The first meeting to work on a data dashboard pulling from HMIS was held on 8/30.
- Links from Lily Sojourner at OEO:
  - <https://dcf.vermont.gov/o eo /resources/awards>
  - <http://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/BidPreview.aspx?BidID=58312>
  - <http://www.bgs.state.vt.us/pca/bids/bids.php>

- Sarah Philips is leaving OEO later this month for the Vermont Community Loan Foundation.
  - Lily will be serving as the interim director of OEO for the near future. The Commissioner's office does not currently have any plans to post the position.
- Mark Ely from ESD will have information available at the beginning of November in regards to Adverse Weather policies for this year. June 30<sup>th</sup> cohort – remind people to re-certify. There is no automatic re-certification process. People can call up to 10 days in advance, and there are usually waits no longer than 10 minutes. People can also come in person to re-certify. For recerts: 1-800-775-0506

10:45 **Vote warned:** review and consider approval of the [Project Ranking](#) for the FFY23 HUD Continuum of Care funding for VT-500, Vermont Balance of State CoC.

- ***Zack makes a motion to approve; Mary seconds;***
- ***Voting yes: Jason, Mary, Whitney, Zack, Kara, Ben, Marie***
- ***Abstaining: Daniel, Hannah, Jessca, Lee, Ari, Jess, Kim, Kate, Dan***

**Vote warned:** Consider approval of the delegation of the final approval of the application for the FFY23 HUD Continuum of Care funding for VT-500, Vermont Balance of State CoC to the Collaborative Applicant as represented by Martin Hahn and Molly Shimko

- ***Mary makes a motion to approve; Zack seconds; motion is approved with an abstention from Hannah***

11:00 Update from Pathways Vermont on the award of a grant for “Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness,” Linday Mesa, Pathways Assistant Director.

11:15 VCEH committee reports:

- Legislative: Reach out to Kara or Martin to become involved with the Legislative Committee (formerly headed by VAHC, now a part of our merged organization HHAV)
- CE Committee: Sub-committees are working on getting ready for annual CE evaluation (Missed this if you have anything you want to add!)

11:15 Announcements

- Daniel provided an update on activity at VSHA
- Dan Towle's organization is doing an analysis of homeless and housing in the Upper Valley. Please reach out for more information: [Dantowle@comcast.net](mailto:Dantowle@comcast.net)

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	
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	Y
Star Barden	Representatives at large	NEKYS	Y
Ramsey Papp	Representative at large	Capstone Community Action	Y
Beth Diamond	Addison Coalition		Y
Mary Gerisch	Bennington Coalition	Bennington Housing Authority	Y
Robert Little	Caledonia & Essex Coalition	Rural Edge	
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	
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

## **Voting Board Members**

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Kara Casey  
Kate Logan  
Amanda Hilliker  
Jason Brill  
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