

Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Dec 19, 2023

10:00-11:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Agenda

10:00 Call to Order & Attendance

10:05 Consider approval of minutes for Balance of State CoC meetings held on Nov 21, 2023. Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>.

- **Star makes a motion to approve the minutes, Ken seconds the motion; minutes are approved with Kate and Ken abstaining**

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

- [View legislative priorities from HHAV](#)
- Our new HHAV Executive Director, Frank Knaack, has started! Welcome, Frank!
- Update on Membership Committee for new VT BoS CoC Board
 - Our ad-hoc Membership Committee will meet in early January to sort out which special populations still need representation on our new VT BoS CoC board after looking at the nominations from the local housing coalitions.
 - We will be reaching out to folks about board positions in early January.
 - We will also be looking to fill one co-chair position. Please email Molly at mshimko@helpingtohousevt.org if you're interested in being a co-chair.

10:20 Ari Kisler, OEO & Nicole Tousignant, VT Economic Services Division, Point-in-Time Count

- ESD Plans for the PIT: ESD will be entering households into HMIS just for January around the time of the PIT Count. The only data point they don't have in their system is around disability, so they are planning to mine that data as needed from other sources.
- In preparation for the PIT Count, the operations directors at ESD have been giving out a list to the lead agencies on the start of each month of persons in the GA program, and another list will be coming up at the start of January, just so agencies are aware of who is in HMIS.
- ICA will have a report that they will pull for lead agencies after ESD enters their data in mid-January. This report will list persons who do not have data entered around disabling conditions. Local communities can then determine if it's possible to update the information around disabling conditions on the persons on the list.

- **Meghan at ICA needs to confirm a list of one person per local coalition/lead agency so the report will be automatically sent out.**
 - It will be OK if some persons are listed as “unknown” as it is self-reported.
- **Ari will be reaching out to lead agencies and sending out further instructions and information. This lift will be a lot smaller than previously thought.**
- This will likely be the process in the future for ESD, so local communities will be able to plan ahead of time.
- The disability data point is connected to chronic status, so it is highly important to be pulled accurately. This does significantly affect resources that are allocated.
- For more PIT information including trainings, timelines, and more, visit the [ICA PIT & HIC Site](#) or the [HHA V PIT Site](#).

10:30 **Vote Warned**, Vote on updated Veterans policies, Will Vilardo, SSVF

- Attachments [#1](#) & [#2](#): The document remains largely unchanged from previously adopted versions except for heading and formatting. Updates are seen in Track Changes. In summary: 1) The definition of Veteran has been changed to reflect what each VA/VA-funded program currently is using, 2) References to the Dodge House being an additional referral source have been removed as they have closed, and 3) The dates of the updates have been changed to reflect 2023.
- Attachment [#3](#): This largely remains unchanged from our previously adopted version. The updates made are also viewable in Track Changes. In summary: 1) References to the Dodge House being an additional referral source have been removed as they have closed, and 2) The dates of the updates have been changed to reflect 2023.
- **Casey makes a motion to approve, Ken seconds the motion, Yes: Jessica, Ari, Cherry, Jess, Lee, Mark, Star, Kate; motion approved!**

10:35 Small group discussion around increasing emergency shelter & re-envisioning the general assistance program

- How would we want to expand emergency shelter capacity?
- Reimagining a statewide emergency housing system?
- Please remember to share your notes with Molly and we’ll keep you posted as the conversation evolves!

11:05 VT BoS CoC Committee Reports:

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

Reminder: Everyone is welcome to join these committees! You do not have to be BoS CoC Board Member; anyone who attends our meetings and/or works in this field is welcome to join!

Membership Committee

- This committee will be meeting in early January (See information above)

Coordinated Entry Committee

- Working on the annual CE evaluation, working towards to having an at-risk CE list, updating release of information (ROI) to have two tracks

HMIS Advisory Committee

- Also working on the ROI split
- See above for PIT information

Homelessness Awareness Day Updates on planning and time for questions

- **Homelessness Awareness Day is Thursday, January 18th.** More information to attend and be involved (in-person and virtually) will be coming out and stay tuned into the events of the day [HERE](#)
- Local Housing Coalitions: We will be providing press release templates, speech templates, and other helpful items at the start of January. We have already sent out data numbers to local coalitions. Please let me know if anyone who needs these numbers doesn't have them or has trouble getting flags – mshimko@helpingtohousevt.org.
 - [Memo around Homelessness Awareness Day](#)
 - From Ari: Good to note, when looking at that data we're using for the flag displays, that it doesn't include those connected to CE through a DV/SV provider, as that data isn't entered into HMIS.

Point-in-Time Count Local Housing Coalitions, please email Molly at mshimko@helpingtohousevt.org with the contact for your [Local PIT Count Coordinator](#)

- See above
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11:20 Announcements

- Cherry Sullivan, Upper Valley Haven: 20-bed shelter approved in Hartford!
- Kate Logan, VCHRYP: Feel free to reach out to Kate on zoning issues!
 - Two new VCHRYP staff!
 - McKenna Crosby, VCHRYP Projects Administrator
 - Jubilee McGill, Asst. Director at VCHRYP, primarily responsible for technical support for sub-grantee organizations and reinvigorated YAB and also a legislator on the House Human Services Committee

Voting Board Members

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