

Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, Jan, 16 2024

10:00-11:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Proposed Agenda

10:00 Call to Order & Attendance

10:05 HHAV & VT BoS CoC organizational update, Kara Casey, and staff report, Molly Shimko

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- Thanks to all who made Homelessness Awareness Day a success! [Check out what happened at the Statehouse and around the state on the day!](#)
- Thanks to all who have worked and are working to hold a successful Point-in-Time Count!
 - Continue to stay updated on the PIT Count [HERE](#) or [HERE](#).

Housing & Homelessness Alliance of Vermont

- Housing & Homelessness Alliance of Vermont (HHAV) is the Collaborative Applicant of the VT BoS CoC Grant Application (NOFO) and our staff support (Molly Shimko as CoC Program Director is a staff of HHAV)
 - Frank Knaack, the HHAV ED, started last month
 - Reach out to Frank at fknaack@hhav.org if you'd like to meet him
 - Frank has been supporting the HHAV legislative agenda
 - HHAV Legislative Committee has been continuing to meet; housing is a big conversation and priority in the state house including the GA program and regulatory reform
 - Kara has stepped down as president of the HHAV board and Sarah Phillips of VCLF (and formerly OEO) has taken on the position

10:20 **Vote warned for full VT BoS CoC Membership:** review new VT BoS CoC board structure and vote to approve the nominations for the 2024 VT Balance of State Continuum of Care Board

- [List of 2024 nominees](#)
- **Star makes a motion to approve, second from Heidi, motion passes! Abstentions from: Katie Blanchard, Chris Mitchell, Hodan Musa, David Bogdan**
- Thank you to our outgoing board members and our new board members!

10:50 **Vote warned for full VT BoS CoC Membership:** vote to approve the nomination for the 2024 VT Balance of State Continuum of Care Co-Chair, Kim Anetsberger, Lamoille Community House

- Jess Graff will complete the second year of the VT BoS CoC Co-Chair position
- Thank so much to Kara for all her years of service as our co-chair!
- **Motion from Daniel to approve, second from Jess, motion passes! Abstentions from: Hodan Musa, Chris Mitchell, Katie Blanchard, David Bogdan**

11:00 VT BoS CoC Committee Reports:

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

- *See above for Point in Time Count or Homelessness Awareness Day*
- Coordinated Entry Committee
 - Working in partnership with the HMIS Advisory Committee to present to the for new Release of Information
 - Next month will be a vote on separate ROI for CE and for HMIS.
 - CE is most of the way through the annual evaluation process. The final product will be presented to the board.
 - There will also be a revised assessment that creates an at-risk coordinated entry list and assessment that will come to this board for a vote.
- Veterans Committee
 - Jason Brill (head of the VT BoS CoC Veterans Committee) will be the new HUD-VASH Program Coordinator for the VA! Congratulations to Jason!
- Strategic Planning Committee
 - With our newly configured board, we will be pulling together a strategic committee meeting to look at some items, such as coming up with a board member agreement, a conflict of interest of form, our policies & procedures, & supporting our education and training. Please reach out to Molly at mshimko@helpingtohousevt.org if you're interested in joining this!
 - Reminder to new board members that part of your board seat requires that you join at least one VT BoS CoC Committee! Stay tuned for more info!

11:10 Announcements

- Update on new A Way Home Rural Grant from the CoC SNOFO Grant
 - ID'ing potential project-based voucher units with current portfolio and match those with service providers with whom they've begun conversations.
 - Hoping to have folks included in this reach out to their local housing provider, to give a heads-up about what is happening and potential units. Below are the areas, providers, and number of slots they're looking at.
 - Addison (8 service slots/PBV); PTH & JGHS or ACCT
 - Bennington (8 service slots/PBV); PTH/Shires
 - Brattleboro (8 services slots/PBV); GWC/WWHT
 - Caledonia/Orleans (8/8 service slots/PBV); NEKCA/RuralEdge
 - Lamoille (8 service slots/PBV); LCH/LHP

- Rutland (8 services slots/PBV); PTH/HTRC
- Washington (8 service slots/PBV); PTH/Downstreet
- Windsor South (8 service slots/PBV); SSHP/WWHT
- Upper Valley (Orange & Windsor North)
- People connected to this project do NOT have to be chronically homeless, but they do have to be literally homeless and have one disabling condition and preferably unsheltered or have a history of being unsheltered.
- Reach out to Daniel with any questions: daniel@vsha.org
- HHAV Legislative Committee meeting – Beverly Boget from VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance is looking to put together a meeting with Commissioner Winters & homelessness shelter and service providers really specific to emergency shelter expansion in local areas. Invite people to participate from all locations.
 - Legislators have expressed interest in shelter expansion and are looking at investing in longer-term emergency shelter solutions. So want to create a back-and-forth dialogue with the administration. Hoping to get this rolling in the next couple of weeks! Reach out to Jess Graff at jgraff@cvoeco.org with interest.

VT BoS CoC Board meeting business:

11:20 Consider approval of minutes for Balance of State CoC meetings held on Dec 18, 2023. Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>.

- **Motion from Jay, second from Kate, motion approved for minutes from December meeting!**

Attendance:

Molly Shimko
 Amos Meacham
 Jason Brill
 Casey Winterson
 Mark Demers
 Ari Kisler
 Daniel Blankenship
 Lee Trapani
 Heidi Lacey
 Ken Russell
 David Bogdan
 Taylor Grimes
 Kara Casey
 Carly Nichols
 Dan Towle
 Jess Graff
 Hodan Musa
 Jay Ruiz
 Alyssa Peteani

E. Eddy
 Kim Anetsberger
 Jessica Makela
 Roxanne Carelli
 Abby M. Erwin
 Makenna Crosby
 Sue Graff
 Denise Goodwin
 Rachael Carr
 Katie Blanchard
 Will Vilardo
 Ramsey Papp
 Ben Kaufmann
 Christopher Mitchell
 Star Barden
 Karina McNamara
 Katie Haley
 Cherry Sullivan
 Emily Cindy Wood

Kayenta Snide
Susan Whitmore
Kate Logan
Louise Masterson
Meghan Morrow Raftery

Taylor Thibault
Rebecca Baruzzi
Taylor Thibault
Dan Handy

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