

# Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care

## VCEH Balance of State Continuum of Care

Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, Feb, 20 2024

10:00-11:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting:

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### Meeting Minutes

10:00 Call to Order & Attendance

10:05 HHAV Organizational & Legislative Update, Frank Knaack & VT BoS CoC staff report, Molly Shimko

#### HHAV

- Legislative Update:

- **Budget Adjustment Act (BAA)** – Through the rest of the fiscal year (6/30). BAA committee will start working this week. Future of the GA program through June 30<sup>th</sup> is a major issue. Senate has drafted up who will remain in the program through the remainder of the fiscal year. Current version has a rate cap of 80/day for motels starting March 1; concern about this rate cap causing motels to leave the program. Currently working at the state house to make sure they continue the program in a fashion that keeps most if not all motels in the program with somewhere around 119+/night. Also looking to legislators not divide the cohorts
  - [Please send this letter to your legislators](#)
  - Please include something about immediacy and how rate cap will affect your area. Check-in with your staff on-site and with owners to get information directly about how the rate cap will affect your region.
- **Be Home Bill:** Tackles lack of affordable housing, shelter capacity, wrap-around services, and high cost of purchasing and rentals. Bill passed out of Senate committee last. Stay tuned for updates.
- **Homeless Bill of Rights:** Two sections – 1. Bill of Rights for persons experiencing homelessness; 2. Extends housing status into VT non-discrimination laws.
  - This bill will be voted out of session but will likely be split in two, with only the second part passing through. HHAV will be working to reunite these two parts of the bill.
- **Legislation that would tax high-income Vermonters to increase revenue** by as much as 500 million to the state annually. Working to minimize opportunities

for people to pit needs of various fields against one another (housing, education, transportation etc.)

- **FY25 Budget Bill** (July 1 – June 30)
  - Asks for full funding for GA Program as we work to build sustainable shelter system. Additional service capacity and funding for VHCb & VHFA to promote affordable housing.
    - Letter will be going out this week. Community access drive – included in last Friday’s email.
- Reach out to Frank if you’d like to receive weekly emails and are not: [fknaack@gmail.com](mailto:fknaack@gmail.com)

### **VT BoS CoC**

- NOFO FY23 fully funded by HUD; we’ll have some awarded projects present at upcoming meetings! View awards [HERE](#) [View awards HERE](#)
- Upcoming Strategic Planning Committee Meeting on Wed. Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM
  - Join [HERE](#)

10:15 Welcome Board Members to the 2024 VT BoS CoC Board!

- Overview of the VT BoS CoC: [View the PDF slide show](#)
- Board Member Agreement & Conflict of Interest Form: We will have these coming to you all soon!

10:40 Consider approval of minutes for Balance of State CoC membership meeting held on Jan 16, 2023. Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>.

- ***Mary makes a motion, Amos seconds, approved with Kathi abstaining***

10:45 **Vote warned for VT BoS CoC Board:** Vote to approve nominations to two VT BoS CoC Board Seats: Rewa Worthington, Dir. of Asset Management at Evernorth for the Housing Partners seat, and Kate Rohdenburg, Program Director at WISE Upper Valley for the DV/SV seat

- ***Jess moves; Mary seconds; approved!***

10:50 **Vote warned for VT BoS CoC Board:** Vote to approve new [Coordinated Entry Release of Information \(ROI\) form](#), Ari Kisler, OEO

- Any mention of sharing data within HMIS has been removed; no other changes
- CE Release is specific to local partnerships with your local area
- ROI needs an attachment listing which partners are in your local partnership
  - Signers still able to abstain from one or more partners
- ***Ari makes a motion to approve; Jess seconds; motion passes***

10:55 **Vote warned for full VT BoS CoC Board:** Approve the use of the [VT Statewide HMIS ROI](#) for all VT BoS agencies that enter into the VT HMIS in place of the current ROI titled CE Release of Information, Meghan Morrow Raftery, ICA

- Not much has changed except the ROI is now specific to only HMIS
- Uniform from VT BoS CoC and Chittenden CoC (Statewide ROI)
- More reflective of the database

- No expiration for this HMIS ROI, because this ROI no longer includes DV/SV
  - Clients have permission to revoke as needed
- ***Ari makes a motion to approve; Lee & Kim second; approved!***

These ROIs will be posted on the HHAV website with other CE tools, and the HMIS ROI will be available on the ICA site. These will also be available in the ICA newsletter.

#### 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

- Veterans Committee, Jason Brill:
  - Jason will be temporarily taking over as Homeless Program Manager at the VT from mid-March to mid-July while Meghan Snitkin is away.
  - [View the VA's Calendar Year 2023 Homelessness Goals Outcomes](#)
- HMIS Update & announcement
  - ICA is hiring a full-time System Admin Position in Vermont! [View the posting](#)

#### 2024 VT BoS CoC Board Members

Amos Meacham (for Lindsay Mesa)	Jonathon Ruiz
Ari Kisler	Kate Logan
Casey Winterson	Kathi Partlow
Cherry Sullivan	Kim Anetsberger
Chris Mitchell	Lee Trapeni
Dan Handy	Lou-Ann Wood
Debra Cross Bailey	Mark Demers
Jason Brill	Mary Gerisch
Jess Graff	Rewa Worthington
Jessica Makela	Will Eberle

Name	Board Member Position	Affiliation	Present?
Jess Graff	Co-Chair & Franklin/Grand Isle Rep	CVOEO	Y
Kim Anetsberger	Co-Chair & Lamoille Rep	Lamoille Community House	Y
Ari Kisler	One rep for VT-ASH	AHS, DCF, OEO	Y
Kate Rohdenburg	One rep for victims of DV/SV	Wise Upper Valley	Y
Jason Brill	One rep for veterans	U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs	Y
Kate Logan	One rep for Youth	VCHRYP	Y
Jay Ruiz	Rep with lived experience	Good Samaritan Haven	
Debra Cross Bailey	Rep with lived experience	Upper Valley Haven	
Ari Kisler	VT-AHS	AHS, DCF, OEO	Y
Rewa Worthington	One rep for Housing Partners	Evernorth	Y
Lou-Ann Wood	One rep for Complex Care	Vermont Chronic Care Initiative	Y

Amos Meacham	One Rep for Mental Health	Pathways Vermont	Y
Will Eberle	One Rep for Substance Use	Recovery Vermont/VAMHAR	
Mark Demers	Addison Coalition Rep	CVOEO	Y
Mary Gerisch	Bennington Coalition Rep	Bennington Housing Authority	Y
Chris Mitchell	Caledonia & S. Essex Coalition	Rural Edge	Y
Cherry Sullivan	North Windsor & Orange Coalition	Upper Valley Haven	Y
Casey Winterson	Orleans & N. Essex Coalition Rep	NEKCA	Y
Jessica Makela	Rutland Coalition Rep	Homeless Prevention Center	Y
Lee Trapeni	So Windsor & No Windham Coalition Rep	Springfield Supported Housing	Y
Dan Handy	South Windham Coalition Rep	Groundworks	Y
Kathi Partlow	Washington Coalition Rep	Family Services of Washington County	Y

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