

# Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday Apr, 16 2024

10:00-11:30 am

### Meeting Minutes

10:00 Call to Order & Attendance

10:03 Consider approval of minutes for Balance of State CoC Board meeting held on Mar 19, 2024. Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>.

- Mary makes a motion to approve the minutes; Ari seconds; motion passes

10:05 HHAV Organizational & Legislative Update, Frank Knaack

- Email Frank if you'd like to be added to his Friday email updates: [fknaack@hhav.org](mailto:fknaack@hhav.org)
- <https://helpingtohousevt.org/advocacy/>

VT BoS CoC staff report, Molly Shimko

- Reminder to please send in your Board Member Agreement & COI if you have not yet! You have received an email if you've not yet returned your items.
- Apologies for delay in last month's minutes being released; waiting on documents from DAIL but those will soon be available! Reminder to email Angela McMann at DAIL at [Angela.McMann@vermont.gov](mailto:Angela.McMann@vermont.gov) if you'd like her or someone from DAIL to present at your local meeting.
- Reminder that HHAV meetings will have reports from the congressional delegation
- HHAV is in the process of hiring consultants to improve the process for the upcoming continuum of care grant notice of funding opportunity (NOFO). You'll be hearing from past grantees on their projects over the next few meetings as part of our grant monitoring process and so folks will better understand what this federal money is going towards.
  - You'll also be hearing from us soon about the upcoming NOFO including information for those who may be interested in submitting new projects for this funding!

10:20 Presentation of the final Coordinated Entry Evaluation Report, Ari Kisler

- CE Committee working on clarity in the process and the development of a standardized survey tool for consumer feedback.
- The report introduces a new data visualization component that analyzes the racial identities of heads of households in coordinated entry.
- [View the CE 2023 Coordinated Entry Evaluation Report](#)

- 10:40 Presentation from Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) funding in the FY25 budget and Q&A with Lily Sojourner, Director of OEO
- [View the slides from Lily's presentations](#)
  - [OEO Award Summaries](#)
  - [OEO Housing Opportunity Grant Program \(HOP\) SFY24 Awards Summary](#)
  - Emergency shelter projects supported in FY24 with one-time funding list (Pull from slides)
    - New emergency shelter capacity in SFY25, supported via planning or other state funding in SFY24
      - Seasonal shelter in Montpelier
      - Year round shelter in St. Johnsbury
      - Young Adult emergency apartments in Brattleboro
      - Preservation of the Champlain Inn with more sustainable project budget in Burlington
      - Conversion of youth shelter in Burlington from seasonal to year round
  - Follow up with Lily at [lily.sojourner@vermont.gov](mailto:lily.sojourner@vermont.gov) if you have further questions!
  - SFY25 HOP Notice of Funding Application Materials
    - For Existing HOP Grantees
      - [Notice of Funding & Application for Existing Grantees](#) (PDF)
      - [Application & Appendices for Existing Grantees](#) (Word document)
      - [HOP SFY25 Budget Tool for Existing Grantees](#) (Excel)
    - For New Applicants -
      - [Notice of Funding & Application for New Applicants](#) (PDF)
      - [Application & Appendices for New Applicants](#) (Word document)
      - [HOP SFY25 Budget Tool for New Applicants](#) (Excel)
  - Notice of Funding Opportunity and Application will be made available on the OEO website soon: [Funding Opportunities For Partners | Department for Children and Families \(vermont.gov\)](#)
  - Application Due Dates
    - Simplified Renewals (Existing Grantees only) due no later than 4:00 PM, Monday, May 13, 2024 (submit to [AHS.DCFOEOCashRequests@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.DCFOEOCashRequests@vermont.gov))
    - Full Applications (New Applicants & Existing Grantees) due no later than 4:00 PM, Monday, May 20, 2024 (submit to [AHS.DCFOEOCashRequests@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.DCFOEOCashRequests@vermont.gov))
  - Optional Webinars and Office Hours
    - Overview of Notice & Application: Friday, April 19, 9:30am (will be recorded and posted) [Click to join on your computer or mobile app](#)
    - Budget Template: Friday, April 19, 10:30am (will be recorded and posted) [Click to join on your computer or mobile app](#)
    - Office Hours Session 1: Wednesday, April 24, 1-2pm [Click to join on your computer or mobile app](#)

- Office Hours Session 2: Friday, April 26, 10-11am [Click to join on your computer or mobile app](#)

11:00 CoC Grant NOFO Discussions: VT State Housing Authority Rapid Re-Housing Projects funded by the CoC Grant NOFO in FY22, Daniel Blankenship

- This program, originally intended to serve households with medium-term rental assistance, has been underutilized due to a phase-out plan that reduced the grant amount and household capacity.
  - This RRH program will be ending in November and participants will transition to other programs. Other RRH programs not through VSHA are still available.
- During the last grant term, \$122,000 was expended on rental assistance, but only 18 of 92 households served were able to secure housing.
- the complex needs of the participants, high rental costs, and issues with case management funding and provider turnover as significant hurdles
- [View Daniel's information on RRH Program](#)

11:15 VT BoS CoC Committee Reports:

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

- **Veterans Committee:** Frequency of meetings had been reduced to quarterly. The Veterans Committee subcommittees, Case Conferencing and Housing Outreach, were also on hold due to capacity issues. Jason will delegate some responsibilities to free up capacity.
  - In response to Daniel's question about VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) filters, Jason clarified that the program was currently admitting veterans on a case-by-case basis.
- **HMIS Committee:** Meghan reported difficulties with the Point in Time and Housing Inventory Account submission on the new HDX 2.0 platform due to issues with HUD, which were causing delays and hindering their progress.
- **Strategic Planning:** Upcoming in-person meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> to work on strategic planning for the VT BoS CoC and local housing coalitions. We encourage all to attend, especially representatives from various committees, particularly those from local housing coalitions, to attend and contribute to shaping the plan, which included updating policies and procedures and improving support for local coalitions. Save the Dates/calendar invites with more information will be sent out as well as agendas!

Announcements

**2024 VT BoS CoC Board Members**

Ari Kisler	Dan Handy
Casey Winterson	Debra Cross Bailey
Cherry Sullivan	Jason Brill
Chris Mitchell	Jess Graff

Jessica Makela  
 Jonathon Ruiz  
 Kate Logan  
 Kate Rohdenburg  
 Kathi Partlow  
 Kim Anetsberger  
 Lindsay Mesa

Lee Trapeni  
 Lou-Anne Wood  
 Mark Demers  
 Mary Gerisch  
 Rewa Worthington  
 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	Y
Jason Brill	One rep for veterans	U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs	Y
Kate Logan	One rep for Youth	VCHRYP	
Jay Ruiz	Rep with lived experience	SSVF	Y
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Rewa Worthington	One rep for Housing Partners	Evernorth	Y
Lou-Anne Wood	One rep for Complex Care	Vermont Chronic Care Initiative	Y
Lindsay Mesa	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	
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	

**Highlights for local coalition leadership to share with members**

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**View the CE 2023 Coordinated Entry Evaluation Report *COMING SOON!***

SFY25 HOP Notice of Funding application materials now available (See Above)

Presentation of OEO funding in the FY25 budget with Lily Sojourner, Director of OEO

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