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**VT Balance of State Continuum of Care**

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 15, 2025

10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Meeting Agenda**

10:00 Call to Order & Attendance

* Please sign in via the chat box with your name and affiliation
* If phoning in please introduce yourself & relationship to VT BoS CoC, pronouns optional
* This meeting will be recorded as reference for minutes
* Mute your microphone if you are not talking and, if possible, keep video

10:05 Consider approval of minutes for Balance of State CoC Board meeting held on Tues. March 18, 2025 Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>

* Mary moves, Rewa second, motion passes

10:10 VT BoS CoC staff report, Molly Shimko

* All Board Members need to fill out this Conflict of Interest Form and return to me at [mshimko@hhav.org](mailto:mshimko@hhav.org)
  + [VT BoS CoC Conflict of Interest](https://helpingtohousevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Conflict-of-Interest-Policy-approved.pdf)
  + [PDF COI Form](https://helpingtohousevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Vermont-BoS-Conflict-of-Interest-Disclosure-Form.pdf)
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* Thank you all so much for your hard work in completing the 2025 Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Counts! ICA is expecting that they will 2025 PIT & HIC Data ready for us at the end of April/beginning of May.
  + Meghan – haven’t heard anything from HUD about PIT data submission timeline, so we don’t have any estimate on when the PIT report will be available.

10:15 VT BoS CoC Committee Reports [View VT BoS CoC Committees](https://helpingtohousevt.org/committees/), make sure Committee Charters are submitted by April VT BoS CoC Board Meeting (unless checked in)

Membership Committee

PLEE Subcommittee

NOFO/Scoring/Ranking Committee

PIT Committee

HMIS Advisory Board

Coordinated Entry Committee

Veterans Committee

Strategic Planning Committee

Education & Training Committee

Youth Committee

* + Committee Report Form
    - [PDF](https://helpingtohousevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Committee-Report-Form-DRAFT.pdf), [Word Document](https://helpingtohousevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Committee-Report-Form-DRAFT.docx), [Google Drive Documents](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1s2JcmiSELIkNifUyIL7zoqtwsi1xeXf7?usp=sharing)
  + Committee Charter Template
    - [PDF](https://helpingtohousevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Committee-Charter-Template-DRAFT.pdf), [Word Document](https://helpingtohousevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Committee-Charter-Template-DRAFT.docx), [Google Drive Documents](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1s2JcmiSELIkNifUyIL7zoqtwsi1xeXf7?usp=sharing)
  + Confirm 2025 meeting dates (quarterly)
    - VT BoS CoC will create yearly committee calendar
    - Send your committee dates to Grace at [gshyer@hhav.org](mailto:gshyer@hhav.org)
* Membership committee: had a meeting to draft their charter.
* PLE committee: had a meeting to draft their charter.
* Advisory Committee: Working on strengthening policies & procedures around how to respond to a law enforcement data request.
* Youth committee: Putting finishing touches on their committee charter.
* PIT committee: on break right now until they get together to work on PIT report.

LHC leads: doing work with

10:30 HHAV Organizational & Legislative Update, Frank Knaack

* Homelessness Awareness Day will be Tuesday, May 6th

10:45 Gathering input on outcomes of Governor’s Executive Order Motel Exits

* Reached 1,100 Cap on Wednesday, April 9th
* The order extends eligibility to the end of the fiscal year (June 30th) for families with children under 19 and people who meet a limited definition of medically vulnerable. For all others, the 80 day night cap went into effect on April 1st. The 1100 room cap went back into effect for all on April 1st as well, which means that even those who meet the requirements for extended eligibility may not be able to find a room.
* Frank asked board and members to [sign this letter](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IW19eCLanYbVX1f9XE38zoiSVCrHinfQBw9aJRMtcRA/edit?usp=sharing) urging the governor to use his executive authority to shelter the folks who have been/will be exited because of the 80 night caps and 1100 room caps.
* We are also urging the legislature & Governor Scott to fund the following:
  + VHCB funding back to 25 million
  + 3.75 million to fund case management positions funded by ERAP
  + 44 million for the GA program as recommended by the GA Task Force

11:00 H.91 Testimony Proposal Commentary

* H.91 as proposed would move HOP and GA funding from the state government and place them under a local Community Action Agency structure. There would be an advisory committee to oversee the structural change, and no change will go into effect until the end of the next fiscal year.
* Several shelter provider members gave their opinion on H.91, expressing concern due to the varying capacity of CAP agencies around the state, not enough funding being promised to oversee this change and for CAPs to manage it effectively. Many suggest that while GA could benefit from restructuring, HOP doesn’t need to be restructured.
* Shelter providers also express frustration that they haven’t been brought to the table to take part in the creation of this legislation nor to testify. Frank helping to organize testimony & ensure shelter provider perspective is heard in committee.
* Lots of support from board and membership to underscore that if passed, H.91 must work within existing CoC systems.

11:25 Board Members & Members: Any suggestions for topics for next meeting ?

**Announcements**:

Kathi Parthlow: Downstreet closed on the Speranza Inn yesterday and are excited to get things moving in Barre.

In-person meetings: There will be an in-person membership meeting in August in Randolph at Vermont University campus. There will also likely be an in-person October board meeting . We are asking folks for suggestions on location for that meeting.

**2024 VT BoS CoC Board Members**

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| **Name** | **Board Member Position** | **Affiliation** | **Present?** |
| Kim Anetsberger | Co-Chair & Lamoille Rep | Lamoille Community House | x |
| Mary Gerisch | Co-Chair & Bennington Rep | Bennington Housing Authority | X |
| Ari Kisler | One rep for VT-ASH | AHS, DCF, OEO | X |
| Rebecca King | One rep for victims of DV/SV | PAVE |  |
| Jason Brill | One rep for veterans | U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs | x |
| Kate Logan | One rep for Youth | VCHRYP/Elevate Youth | x |
| Gary Stroud | Rep with lived experience | Brattleboro |  |
| Marie Lennon | Rep with lived experience | Middlebury | x |
| Rewa Worthington | One rep for Housing Partners | Evernorth | x |
| Lou-Anne Wood | One rep for Complex Care | AHS-Vermont Chronic Care Initiative | x |
| Cheryl Jackins | One Rep for Mental Health | Pathways Vermont | x |
| Daniel Franklin | One Rep for Substance Use | Recovery Vermont/VAMHAR |  |
| Jeanne Montross | Addison Coalition Rep | HOPE |  |
| Jess Graff | Franklin/Grand Isle Coalition Rep | CVOEO F/GI Community Action | x |
| Chris Mitchell | Caledonia & S. Essex Coalition | AHS |  |
| L’Tonya Johnson | North Windsor & Orange Coalition | Upper Valley Haven |  |
| Casey Winterson | Orleans & N. Essex Coalition Rep | NEKCA |  |
| Jessica Makela | Rutland Coalition Rep | Homeless Prevention Center | x |
| Lee Trapeni | So Windsor & No Windham Coalition Rep | Springfield Supported Housing |  |
| Libby Bennet | South Windham Coalition Rep | Groundworks Collaborative | x |
| Kathi Partlow | Washington Coalition Rep | Downstreet | x |