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**VT Balance of State Continuum of Care**

Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday May 20, 2025

10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Meeting Agenda**

10:00 Consider approval of minutes for Balance of State CoC Board meeting held on Tues. April 15, 2025 Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>

* Jess motions, kim seconds, motion passes.

10:05 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)
  + [Word Doc COI Form](https://helpingtohousevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Vermont-BoS-Conflict-of-Interest-Disclosure-Form.docx)
* In person board and membership meeting in august. No date or location set yet.
* Many coc related updates incoming in the next few months.

10:15 HHAV Organizational & Legislative Update, Frank Knaack

* Nearing the conclusion of HHAV’s strategic planning process – the board will vote on the strategic plan and next fiscal year’s budget at the end of June.
* Legislative update:
  + H.493 notable appropriations:
    - VHCB funded at $36.9 million, 60% of which can be used for housing investments, as well as an additional $5M in one-time funding for housing development. They had $60M in pipeline funding requests, so we will not be maximizing housing development potential.
    - $38M for GA Emergency Housing, which puts us in the same position as last year with 80-night caps and 1100 room caps, as well as Dec. 1 – April 1 winter weather program.
    - $2M to OEO for shelter expansion
    - $10M for H.91 transition period (if signed by the governor)
    - $1.6M for Land Access Opportunity Board
  + H.91 update: The bill is in Senate Appropriations, then will go to House Committee on Human Services to review the changes, and then the bill will probably go to conference, then the Governor’s desk. As currently written, the GA transition would happen in FY27 and the HOP transition would happen in FY28. There are funds set aside for shelter production and services capacity.

10:30 Coordinated Entry Evaluation Presentation, Ari Kisler, VT Office of Economic Opportunity

* [View the whole evaluation report here.](https://helpingtohousevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/2024-CE-Annual-Evaluation-Report-FINAL.pdf)
* Here are some data highlights:
  + Between 7/1/23-6/30/24 there were just over 4,600 households in Coordinated Entry. 2,922 of those households were assessed for Coordinated Entry between 7/1/23-6/30/24. This number has been steadily rising since 20224 and reflects both an increased need and an expanded system that can reach more households to get them assessed.
  + 2,094 (72%) of the households assessed for Coordinated Entry were literally homeless at the time of assessment (place not meant for habitation/unsheltered, emergency shelter, or motel paid for by an organization). This is a stark increase from 1,351 (57%) last year.
  + 37% (1,084) of the households assessed had been in the CE system at least once before and returned. This CE reenrollment rate continues to increase. While it is unfortunate that this percentage is rising, it does show that the CE system is working to reconnect with households who are experiencing homelessness again.

10:55 Local Housing Coalition Strategic Work Update, Abby Miller, Housing Innovations

* <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1r2o2Pki4i--_uv4uUpQXADgfbZ4FjmOn?usp=drive_link>

11:15 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 ( & other announcements)

Membership Committee

PLEE Subcommittee

NOFO/Scoring/Ranking Committee

PIT Committee

HMIS Advisory Committee

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)
  + Maintain active participant list updated yearly in January

Membership Committee: Meeting next month

PLEE Committee: Will meet in June.

CE Committee: Finished Status Update form and will present at June BoS CoC meeting for a vote.

PIT Committee: We are able to get into HUD data exchamge and start entering PIT data, which is due June 13th. Meeting with Molly soon to finalize data and submit.

Veterans Committee: new initiative from the VA nationally for all VA medical centers to host a unsheltered veterans surge event, which ties in with fiscal year goals for medical centers. There is a surge event planned for June 24th in Rutland – it will be a focused street outreach event targeting veterans experiencing unsheltered homelessness, providing them with same-day interim/transitional housing and pathways to permanent housing.

Youth Committee: the committee unanimously voted to approve their committee charter. They are also looking for suggestions for partners to include in the committee.

HMIS Advisory Committee: met to strength certain language in policies and procedures.

11:25 Board Members & Members: Any suggestions for topics for next 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 |  |
| 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 | x |
| Jess Graff | Franklin/Grand Isle Coalition Rep | CVOEO F/GI Community Action | x |
| Chris Mitchell | Caledonia & S. Essex Coalition | AHS | x |
| L’Tonya Johnson | North Windsor & Orange Coalition | Upper Valley Haven | x |
| 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 |  |
| Kathi Partlow | Washington Coalition Rep | Downstreet |  |