

Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Membership Meeting Agenda

Tuesday January 20, 2026

10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting Agenda

10:05 VT BoS CoC staff report, Molly Shimko

- Reminder that anyone who attends at VT BoS CoC Membership meeting once a year is considered a VT BoS CoC Member! If you are here, you are a member!
- NOFO Update
 - NOFO that came out in November was paused in December by HUD & by the courts. HUD dropped another NOFO but they cannot enforce it because there is a court order in place. HUD has started to process renewals for the 24/25 NOFO but they are not required to obligate funds. They may still drop the FY25 NOFO if the court order is no longer in effect.
- PIT Update
 - PIT count this year is the night of January 28th, you have 7 days after to input data
 - <https://helpingtohousevt.org/2026-point-in-time-count/>
 - Training info:
 - LIVE Webinar Training on Monday January 26, 2026
 - [Register here:](#)
 - The training will be recorded and made available Tuesday 1/27
 - Statewide PIT & HIC:
 - Recorded Training will be made available Tuesday 1/27

10:15 HHAV Organizational & Legislative Update, Chad Simmons, HHAV ED

- Welcome Chad Simmons, our new HHAV Executive Director!
 - Key priorities:
 - The legislature opened on January 6th and in governors state of address he talked about property tax reform and education reform, so there will be little appetite for major changes and big budget reform.
 - [HHAV Legislative Priorities](#)
 - Budget adjustment act usually wrapped by march – HHAV is advocating for \$5 million shortfall fund for VSHA to slow the loss of existing vouchers, an additional \$1.3 million for HOP financial assistance, and \$1 million for LAOB's Homes for All program.

- House H.594 which would significantly change the current structure of GA, with the explicit intent of decreasing use of hotel/motel and increasing path of finding other housing. HHAV is working on an alternate proposal with the ACLU and will be presenting it to House Committee on Human Services. The bill also looks to make eligibility changes to GA & proposes a new study updating the 2016 Roadmap to End Homelessness.
- Homelessness Response Workgroup: email [Grace](#) to join
- Landlord/Tenant Workgroup: email [Grace](#) to join
- LHC Homelessness Awareness Day Update
 - [Join your local HAD event!](#)

10:35 **Vote Warned for Full Membership: Voting on New Board Members for Jan. 2026 – Jan. 2028 term**

- Reminder that this year's board members are the non-LHC representative spots & that the VT BoS CoC Board has staggered terms
 - One Rep for VT-AHS, Ari Kisler, VT OEO
 - One Rep for victims of DV/SV, Kara Casey, VT Network
 - One Rep for veterans, Jason Brill, VA
 - One Rep for Youth, Kate Logan, Elevate Youth Services
 - Two Reps with Lived Experience, Marie Lennon & Emily Cindy Wood
 - One Rep for Housing Partners, Rewa Worthington, Evernorth
 - One Rep for Complex Care, Lou-Anne Wood, VCCI
 - One Rep for Mental Health, Cheryl Jackins, Pathways
 - One Rep for Substance Use, Daniel Franklin, VAMHAR
- Mary moves, Jess seconds, motion passes

10:40 **Vote warned for Full Membership: Approval for Official VT BoS CoC Board Member Alternates**

- **Suggested language for Governance Charter:** Each VT BoS CoC Board Member will appoint an alternate to serve in their stead as needed. An alternate can attend a board member in the stead of the Board Member no more than two months in a row. VT BoS CoC Board Member Alternates will be approved by the VT BoS CoC Co-Chairs and VT BoS CoC Membership Committee and shall serve on an interim basis until such time as VT BoS CoC Membership can make a formally noticed vote.
- **Jess moves, Mary seconds, motion passes**

10:45 **Possible vote warned: Discussion on adding Board Seats to the VT BoS CoC Board for Person Connection to the Business Community (1), Law Enforcement (2), and Elected Officials (1).**

- Business Community: VT Chamber of Commerce, VT Business for Social Responsibility, VT Technology Alliance (VTTA), VT Small Business Development Center (VTSBDC), VT Association of Business Industry and Rehabilitation
- Law Enforcement: Those connected to law enforcement already working with shelters, providers, and others in the housing and homelessness field. Ex: Dept. of Corrections, Embedded Social Workers, VSP, Dept. of Public Safety, VT Criminal Justice Council,

- These are the seats that are emphasized by the current HUD NOFO.
- There is trepidation, but we have the power to be intentional to make sure the individuals who fill these seats are aligned with our work and mission.
- These positions would not ever be replacing current board members.
- The way our board is currently set up is we have 3-6 special interest seats that can shift. We could add 4 board seats to those board seats
- Jess moves, Casey seconds
 - Interest in keeping the discussion going at the next meeting. There was a lot of work put into keeping the board as small as possible, and this would counteract that – suggestion to think about it for longer.
 - Roxanne moves to table the vote, Mary seconds, motion passes
- Membership committee will meet about this and present options at the next meeting

10:55 VT BoS CoC Committee Reports

Membership Committee
 PLEE Subcommittee -
 NOFO/Scoring/Ranking Committee
 PIT Committee
 HMIS Advisory Committee

Coordinated Entry Committee
 Strategic Planning Committee
 Education & Training Committee
 Youth Committee

- Membership committee: next meeting will discuss potential new board member recruitment, annual meeting & annual meeting award.
- PIT committee: [trainings](#) as listed on our website
- CE: after the vote here last month to approve alternative service access point for veterans, we have been working on an updated rereferral form for CE. Updated referral form should go out this week on the Balance of State website & to CE lead agencies. Also sending out a membership survey to formally identify who is a member of the CE committee, voting/non-voting member, alternate etc.

DV/SV housing training survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G5N8P9W>
Please complete to identify potential trainings that are needed this year!

- Committee Charter Template
 - [PDF](#), [Word Document](#), [Google Drive Documents](#)
- Maintain active participant list updated yearly in January

11:05 Presentation on Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures Work, Whitney Patterson, VT BoS CoC HUD Technical Assistance, Abt Associates

- Link to training slides to come

11:25 Consider approval of minutes for Balance of State CoC Membership meeting held on Tues. December, 2025 Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>

- Out of time, will consider next month

2026 VT BoS CoC Board Members

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
Kara Casey	One rep for victims of DV/SV	VT Network	x
Jason Brill	One rep for veterans	U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs	x
Kate Logan	One rep for Youth	VCHRYP/Elevate Youth	
	Rep with lived experience		
Marie Lennon	Rep with lived experience	Middlebury	
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	x
L'Tonya Johnson	North Windsor & Orange Coalition	Upper Valley Haven	
Casey Winterson	Orleans & N. Essex Coalition Rep	NEKCA	x
Jessica Makela	Rutland Coalition Rep	Homeless Prevention Center	x
Lee Trapeni	So Windsor & No Windham Coalition Rep	Springfield Supported Housing	x
Libby Bennet	South Windham Coalition Rep	Groundworks Collaborative	x
Kathi Partlow	Washington Coalition Rep	Downstreet	