

Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 17, 2026

10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting Minutes

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!
- Hybrid VT BoS CoC Board Meeting in April 21st at Upper Valley Haven
 - Board Members only, let us know if you can attend in person:
<https://forms.gle/EV1FFKsRRbeu6DYj7>
- In-Person VT BoS CoC Membership Meeting on August 18th
 - The meeting will be held in Randolph at Judd Hall – more information to come from Membership Committee.
- FY25 NOFO continues to be blocked, and the funds for Q1 projects have been appropriated so we are on track with the timeline laid out in the THUD bill. The FY26 NOFO will be released by June 1st.
- Thank you to everyone who filled out our training survey, we will be sharing out our training plan with the board and members soon!

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

- [H.938](#) – Homelessness Response Bill which passed out of the House Human Services Committee with little opposition. The bill codifies the homelessness response system in state statutes, creates new programs prevention/diversion, case management/outreach, variety of new shelter type, and mandates a needs assessment that would be done every 5 years. It also includes a section that requires the CoCs to merge, but this is not something that can be mandated by the legislature (would have to be voted on by BoS CoC board & CCHA steering committee). The committee didn't get a chance to finish the appropriations section so there isn't one. It says the intention is to expend \$82 million on the homelessness response system but no specifics yet. Next step is appropriations and then it will likely pass the house and move to the senate.
- [H.772](#) – Landlord Tenant Bill: we have not weighed in a ton on because of the split opinion of our membership. The bill would expedite eviction process where folks have exhibited violent behavior or put health/safety of tenants at risk, and fund some tenant rights programs and a rental arrears program.

10:35 **Apologies, vote to approve Board Member Alternates will be postponed.**

10:35 **Vote Warned for Full Membership: Article IV:** CoC Governing Board, Section 1 CoC Governing Board Voting Increasing our VT BoS CoC Board capacity up to 24 members by updating representatives of special populations or areas of expertise from 3-6 to 3-9.

- Jess moves, Kara seconds, motion passes. Jason, Henri and Jeanne abstain.

10:40 **Vote Warned for Full Membership:** Off-camera rules for quorum for Article IV: CoC Governing Board, Section 5 CoC Governing Board Voting

- Suggested language: Board Members logged into the designated electronic meeting platform shall be considered present for the purposes of establishing a quorum. A member who is present but fails to cast a vote or fails to elect to abstain shall continue to be counted toward the quorum requirement. However, such non-votes or abstentions shall not be included in the denominator when calculating the total votes cast to determine the success or failure of a motion.
- Cheryl moves, Jess seconds, motion passes. Henri abstains.

10:45 Presentation on Team-Based Care Trainings from the VT Agency of Human Services, Renee Weeks, Director of Complex Care & Field Services; Heather McPhee, Nurse Administrator ; Chris Mitchell & Sue Graff, AHS Field Directors

- [VTBC Training Platform](#)
- [VTBC Information](#)
- [Vermont's Care Coordination Landscape](#)

11:20 VT BoS CoC Committee Reports

NOFO/Scoring/Ranking Committee
PIT Committee
HMIS Advisory Committee
Coordinated Entry Committee

Education & Training Committee
Strategic Planning Committee
Committee to End Youth Homelessness
Membership Committee
PLEE Subcommittee
DV/SV

- Committee Charter Template
 - [PDF](#), [Word Document](#), [Google Drive Documents](#)
- Maintain active participant list updated yearly in January
- Coordinated Entry: the CE Committee will be looking at the report at next week's meeting, and we will present the final report to the Balance of State board meeting in April.
- Membership: We will make a plan to nominate new members for the special interest seats to bring to the full board, and will continue planning for in-person August meeting
- DV/SV: please join the committee! Kara will send out a reminder next month

11:25 Consider approval of minutes for Balance of State CoC Membership meeting held on Tues. February 17, 2025 Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>

- Jess moves, Casey seconds, motion passes.

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	
Emily Cindy Wood	Rep with lived experience	Rutland	x
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	
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	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	