

Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday May 19, 2026

10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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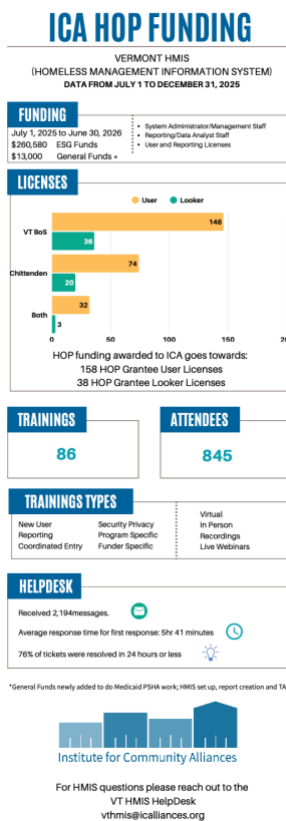
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- 10:03 Consider approval of minutes for Balance of State CoC Membership meeting held on Tues. April 19, 2025 Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>
- Lee moves, jess seconds, motion passes
- 10:05 VT BoS CoC staff report, Molly Shimko
- Reminder In-Person VT BoS CoC Membership Meeting on August 18th
 - [Memo from VT BoS CoC Membership Committee on LHC Presentations and Awards](#)
 - Please send me your Board Member Alternate!
 - Updates on PIT
 - ICA has submitted our data to HUD
 - Updates on HUD CoC Program Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity FY26
 - NOFO drops June 1, and Vermont local competition for new projects opens mid-June and closes mid-July. Consolidated application due to HUD by August 26
 - Information session next week
 - Pre NOFO Information session - Weds 5/27 at 10 am
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/210974933165359?p=n2DdRSXi0VeBjU4R3I>
 - Upcoming Trainings: DMH & More
 - Fresh Ideas to Promote Mutual Understanding and Respect: Enhance your appreciation of individuals who have a history of being unhoused and experience mental health challenges. Join us for this interactive 3-hour session designed for anyone who may encounter individuals experiencing homelessness in their day-to-day work...such as housing & shelter staff, medical providers, school personnel, public works teams, and librarians. This training is also open to all community partners who want to deepen their understanding and improve their approach. Virtual session!
 - **Wednesday May 20, 2026 1:00pm-4:00pm EST**
 - [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

10:20 HHAV Organizational & Legislative Update, Chad Simmons, HHAV ED

- Legislature is moving slow, none of our priorities have passed yet including the budget
- H.591 is currently in committee of finance which means that the senate and house passed slightly different bills
 - What is unchanged is that \$82.6 million is going to homelessness response which is connected to h.938 – this bill appropriates the money and h.938 spends the money
 - Senate included language that VHCB could fund Medicaid disabilities housing (\$3.9 million)
- H938 as we speak it's on the senate floor. It's been stalled for a month health and welfare added a few small changes. The bill puts homelessness system into state statute and caps hotel/motel program, we will see most of the details fleshed out in the rules making process. HHAV advocated along with providers for there to be changes that added more flexibility to the bill – some, but not all those changes were made.
- Landlord tenant bill – most everything has been struck from the bill, it looks like what will pass is just a study to look at judicial processes for timing of evictions notices and processes, but it may include no trespass for those exhibiting violent behavior. Unclear where the bill will land.

10:40 [Presentation from Institute for Community Alliances SFY26 HOP Grant](#) (click to see larger)



11:05 VT BoS CoC Committee Reports

DV/SV
 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

Membership committee: in the process of identifying additional special interest board seats we voted on. Jess has identified some communities within law enforcement that work in responding to homelessness crisis

Youth committee: debriefed Youth Homelessness Awareness Day and how to most effectively engage youth with lived experience

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

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	
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	
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	
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	x
Libby Bennet	South Windham Coalition Rep	Groundworks Collaborative	
Kathi Partlow	Washington Coalition Rep	Downstreet	