

Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October, 15 2024
10:00-11:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting Minutes

10:00 Call to Order & Attendance

10:05 Consider approval of minutes for Balance of State CoC Board meeting held on Tues. Sept. 17, 2024 Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>

- Lee makes motion, Jess seconds, motion approves

10:05 HHAV Organizational & Legislative Update, Frank Knaack

- Homelessness Awareness Day Update: Homelessness Awareness Day will be moved from its usual date in January to the end of the legislative session.

10:15 Review of McKinney-Vento Act and services as it pertains to the work connecting students experiencing homelessness with services; trends and data on students who are experiencing homelessness; the role of the school/district liaisons & information on connecting with school homeless liaisons; **Katy Preston, Title IVA Director & State Coordinator for Homeless Education Federal Education & Support Programs, Vermont Agency of Education**

- Katy gave an overview of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, which is a federal law that ensures educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness. The act gives children and youth experiencing homelessness the right to immediate enrollment, the right to remain at their school of origin if it's in their best interest, access to all educational and related services for which they are eligible, and transportation to and from the school of origin. Katy also presented statistics about Vermont's unhoused children and youth over the last several years and compared to national statistics. Slides will go out on our [website](#) soon.

10:35 Presentation & discussion on Fair Housing; **Jessica Hyman Fair Housing Project Associate Director, Housing Advocacy Programs, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity**

- Jess gave an overview of Fair Housing Protections, and CVOEO's Fair Housing Project, which works to increase fair and affordable housing opportunities, especially for people in protected classes. She went over the United States' long history of discrimination as

well as current systemic issues, which include exclusionary zoning, appraisal discrimination, and lack of enforcement of tenant protections. She also went over who to contact with fair housing complaints and provided additional fair housing resources. Find her slides [here](#).

10:55 **Votes warned for VT BoS CoC Board (*See list of current board members below.)**

Abby Miller, Housing Innovations. Vote to approve the VT BoS CoC:

- [Lived Experience Inclusion Policy](#)
 - Changed policy to reflect that the definition of lived experience is preferred, not required. Also changed the policy to include all four HUD definitions of homelessness, including at-risk populations. Also changed compensation level to NAICS labor code so we will not have to update policy every time the compensation standard is changed.
 - Jess moves, Lee seconds, motion passes
- [Family Composition & Involuntary Separation Policy](#)
 - Jess moves, Mary seconds, motion passes
- [LGBTQ+Anti-Discrimination Policy](#)
 - Lee moves, Jess seconds, motion passes
- [Policy on Addressing Racial Disparities](#)
 - Mary makes motion, Jess seconds, motion passes

11:15 VT BoS CoC Committee Reports & Discussion of VT BoS CoC Committees [View VT BoS CoC Committees](#) & other announcements

***2024 VT BoS CoC Board Members**

Cheryl Jackins
Ari Kisler
Casey Winterson
Chris Mitchell
Dan Handy
Jason Brill*
Jeanne Montross
Jess Graff
Jessica Makela
Jonathon Ruiz

Kate Logan
Kate Rohdenburg*
Kathi Partlow
Kim Anetsberger
Lee Trapeni
Lou-Anne Wood
Marie Lennon*
Mary Gerisch
Rewa Worthington*
Will Eberle

***2024 VT BoS CoC Board Members Eligible to Vote on NOFO-Related Items**

Jason Brill
Kate Rohdenburg
Marie Lennon
Rewa Worthington

Name	Board Member Position	Affiliation	Present ?
Jess Graff	Co-Chair & Franklin/Grand Isle Rep	CVOEO	x
Kim Anetsberger	Co-Chair & Lamoille Rep	Lamoille Community House	x
Ari Kisler	One rep for VT-ASH	AHS, DCF, OEO	x
Kate Rohdenburg	One rep for victims of DV/SV	WISE	x
Jason Brill	One rep for veterans	U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs	x
Kate Logan	One rep for Youth	VCHRYP	x
Jay Ruiz	Rep with lived experience	SSVF	
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
	One Rep for Substance Use	Recovery Vermont/VAMHAR	x
Jeanne Montross	Addison Coalition Rep	HOPE	x
Mary Gerisch	Bennington Coalition Rep	Bennington Housing Authority	x
Chris Mitchell	Caledonia & S. Essex Coalition	AHS	
	North Windsor & Orange Coalition		
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
Dan Handy	South Windham Coalition Rep	Groundworks Collaborative	
Kathi Partlow	Washington Coalition Rep	Family Center of Washington County	