

Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday July, 16 2024

10:00-11:30 am

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Meeting Agenda

10:00 Call to Order & Attendance

10:03 Consider approval of minutes for Balance of State CoC Board meeting held on Tues. June 18, 2024. Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>

- **Mary makes a motion, Kim seconds, approved.**

10:05 VT BoS CoC chair & staff report, Jess Graff, Kim Anetsberger, & Grace Shyer

- VT BoS CoC Membership meeting is coming up on August 12th in Randolph. Those interested in attending can RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/EKK3asFZgstEC3ZEA>
- VT BoS CoC & 3SquaresVT are hosting a 3SquaresVT SNAP training & info session on Wednesday, July 31 at 11 AM. Join session [HERE](#).
- Abby from Housing Innovations introduces the Lived Experience Support Sub-Committee. The sub-committee will focus on recruiting new members with lived experiences and expertise, based on CoC and committee need and fostering relationships to mentor and support them as they learn about the VT BoS CoC functions.
 - We would like board members to identify potential persons with lived experience who have expressed interest in CoC operations or may be interested in participating.

10:20 **Vote warned for VT BoS CoC Board (*See list of current board members below):** Vote to approve the nomination of Kathy McCarty to VT Bos CoC Board as the representative for the Upper Valley Local Housing Coalition.

- **Mary makes a motion, Lee seconds, motion approves with Hodan Musa abstaining.**

10:25 **Vote warned for VT BoS CoC Board (*See list of current board members below – starred board members are eligible to vote on NOFO related items):** Vote to approve the [2024 CoC Program Grant NOFO New and Renewal Scoring tools](#), Abby Miller, Housing Innovations

- **Only three voting members are present, so vote will be carried out by email.**
- Abby provides an overview of the updates to the scoring and ranking tool, which has been simplified, made more competitive and deepened to differentiate between projects.

10:40 CoC Grant NOFO Discussions: VT State Housing Authority CoC-PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing) A Way Home Program, funded by the CoC Grant NOFO in FY22 and FY23, Daniel Blankenship

- Daniel goes over the PSH project “A Way Home” renewal, and the newer “A Way Home-Rural” PSH project. A Way Home serves a minimum of 60 households through various service providers throughout Vermont – all households served are designated as chronically homeless. The A Way Home-Rural project is a three year initiative, and it expanded eligibility to anyone with a qualified disability and complex care needs experiencing literal homelessness. This project must serve a minimum of 72 households throughout Vermont. The program also includes a housing first model.

10:50 CoC Grant NOFO Discussions: VT Agency of Human Services Office of Economic Opportunity Program funded by the CoC Grant NOFO, Ari Kisler, Community Services Director

- Ari goes over the CoC funded SSO-CE project. The grant with match included comes to just over \$1 million, and supports just under 14 FTE at 9 CE lead agencies and 4 DV assessment partners. Most of the 14 roles are focused on assessment, with some longer term case management capacity. OEO provides annual performance reports to HUD about the entire Vermont-wide Coordinated Entry system. OEO also receives biannual performance measure reports from each of its subrecipients. Ari also goes over the 2 expansion applications: one is to expand the capacity of the 4 DV agencies which are subrecipients of OEO’s grant funds, and the other is an expansion targeted at the loss of ERAP funds which seeks to fund 11 FTE – 1 for each local housing coalition.

11:00 HHAV Organizational & Legislative Update, Frank Knaack

- Frank reported on the first meeting of the GA Emergency Housing task force, whose meetings will be rescheduled so as not to conflict with BoS CoC meetings. The task force is in the agenda setting stage, and the hope is to lift up the needs of Vermont and to be able to offer recommendations that reflect those needs.
- Frank also touched on the Grants Pass Supreme Court case, which decided that anti-camping ordinances (when there is no shelter available) do not violate the 8th amendment cruel and unusual punishment clause. This raises a flag in Vermont because a number of municipalities have considered anti-camping ordinances in the past. Frank asked folks to let us know if any municipalities seem to be moving in this direction.

11:15 VT BoS CoC Committee Reports & Discussion of VT BoS CoC Committees

[View VT BoS CoC Committees](#)

Coordinated Entry

Membership Committee

HUD CoC Funding Committee

Point-In-Time Committee

HMIS Advisory Committee
Veterans Committee
Youth Committee

Education and Training Committee
Homelessness Awareness Day Committee
Strategic Planning

Announcements

***2024 VT BoS CoC Board Members**

Lindsay Mesa
Ari Kisler
Casey Winterson
Chris Mitchell
Dan Handy
Jason Brill*
Jess Graff
Jessica Makela
Jonathon Ruiz
Kate Logan
Kate Rohdenburg*

Kathi Partlow
Kathy McCarty*
Kim Anetsberger
Lee Trapani
Lou-Anne Wood*
Marie Lennon*
Mark Demers
Mary Gerisch
Rewa Worthington*
Will Eberle

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

Jason Brill
Kate Rohdenburg
Kathy McCarty
Lou-Anne Wood
Marie Lennon
Rewa Worthington

Name	Board Member Position	Affiliation	Present ?
Jess Graff	Co-Chair & Franklin/Grand Isle Rep	CVOEO	
Kim Anetsberger	Co-Chair & Lamoille Rep	Lamoille Community House	
Ari Kisler	One rep for VT-ASH	AHS, DCF, OEO	
Kate Rohdenburg	One rep for victims of DV/SV	WISE	
Jason Brill	One rep for veterans	U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs	
Kate Logan	One rep for Youth	VCHRYP	
Jay Ruiz	Rep with lived experience	SSVF	
Marie Lennon	Rep with lived experience	Middlebury	
Rewa Worthington	One rep for Housing Partners	Evernorth	
Lou-Anne Wood	One rep for Complex Care	AHS-Vermont Chronic Care Initiative	
Lindsay Mesa	One Rep for Mental Health	Pathways Vermont	
Will Eberle	One Rep for Substance Use	Recovery Vermont/VAMHAR	
Mark Demers	Addison Coalition Rep	CVOEO	
Mary Gerisch	Bennington Coalition Rep	Bennington Housing Authority	
Chris Mitchell	Caledonia & S. Essex Coalition	AHS	

Kathy McCarty	North Windsor & Orange Coalition	Cover Home Repair	
Casey Winterson	Orleans & N. Essex Coalition Rep	NEKCA	
Jessica Makela	Rutland Coalition Rep	Homeless Prevention Center	
Lee Trapeni	So Windsor & No Windham Coalition Rep	Springfield Supported Housing	
Dan Handy	South Windham Coalition Rep	Groundworks Collaborative	
Kathi Partlow	Washington Coalition Rep	Family Center of Washington County	