
Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January, 21 2024

10:00-11:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting Agenda

10:00 Call to Order & Attendance

- Please sign in via the chat box with your name and affiliation
- If phoning in please introduce yourself & relationship to VT BoS CoC, pronouns optional
- This meeting will be recorded as reference for minutes
- Mute your microphone if you are not talking and, if possible, keep video on

10:05 VT BoS CoC staff report, Grace Shyer & Co-Chairs

- Point in Time Count Updates
 - Reminder that the PIT Count is the night of Wednesday January 22nd and the following 7 days
 - Keep up with PIT & HIC [HERE](#)
 - ICA's Non-HMIS and HMIS training videos will be available soon on the ICA Knowledge Base Site [HERE](#)

10:15 HHAV Organizational & Legislative Update, Frank Knaack

- GA Task Force gave their recommendations to the legislature – they are trying to effectively eradicate the room caps & 80 day limits by extending the winter weather protection through June. At the next HHAV meeting, we will have a public summary of bills, fact sheets, and talking points.
- Thanks to all who completed our strategic planning survey. We are having a strategic planning retreat this week, and hope to conclude our strategic planning process by the end of June.

10:25 Vote to approve Local Housing Coalition Representative Nominees for the term of January 2025 – January 2027 [View the nominees](#).

- Mary makes a motion, Ari seconds, motion passes.

- 10:35 Vote to approve other open board position nominees for a term of January 2025 – January 2026. These positions are being filled as the board member who previously filled this position vacated in the middle of their term. [View the nominees.](#)
- Marie Lennon moves, Kim seconds, motion passes.
- 10:40 Vote on Board Member Engagements Guidelines & Policies. Review new section. [View the document](#)
- The only change made to the guidelines was to allow attendance flexibility for board members with special circumstances.
 - Mary moves, Marie seconds, motion passes
- 10:50 VT BoS CoC Committee Reports & Discussion of VT BoS CoC Committees [View VT BoS CoC Committees](#) & other announcements
- Veterans committee:
 - o hiring for a [Senior Social Worker](#) in White River Junction and a [Site Coordinator](#) in Bradford.
 - o [Coming Home: A story of gratitude and connection.](#) Jason Brill and VA Public Affairs Officer, Lynne Davis, have worked on this story. This is Wayne's story and yet it is so much more at the same time. Personal stories have great power. We hope you see how Wayne's story highlights the challenges, the successes and all that it takes from caring individuals, partner organizations and communities coming together to care for our Veterans who are experiencing homelessness. We are grateful for Wayne's willingness to share, as his story brings with it the possibility for others to understand what he and so many others in our community are experiencing. Please share with your networks.
 - o any Veteran-related questions on either of the above or otherwise, etc. please reach out directly to me: jason.brill@va.gov
 - Membership Committee: The committee met to discuss the new co- chair, Mary Gerisch, who will be voted on today. The committee also discussed meeting more frequently and being able to assess and meet the needs of the full membership and to support a fuller bodied and more proactive membership. Discussed providing orientations and trainings for the board membership.
 - Strategic planning committee: Planned to work parallel to HHAV's strategic planning and use theirs as momentum to form ours.
 - CE committee: has a meeting next week. Getting ready to do the annual evaluation process and roll out the new assessment & trainings for the assessment.
- VSHA update: HUD sent a notice that we will likely get 92.5 percent of the HCV program budget. BHA has in response rescinded vouchers for anyone not leased up yet and those people go back to the top of the waitlist. Their wait list is still open. VSHA is not rescinding vouchers and not kicking anyone out of the program but will close waitlist at the end of the month. Bennington Housing Authority will not make any changes to their operations yet.

- Please send an updated list of active committee, subcommittee, & workgroup participants to Grace at gshyer@hhav.org and please update your calendar invite to reflect the most updated attendance list in January 2025
- Discuss & gather feedback on updated committee requirements
 - Committee Report Form DRAFT
 - [PDF](#), [Word Document](#), [Google Drive Documents](#)
 - Committee Charter Template DRAFT
 - [PDF](#), [Word Document](#), [Google Drive Documents](#)
 - Confirm 2025 meeting dates (quarterly)
 - VT BoS CoC will create yearly committee calendar
 - Maintain active participant list updated yearly in January
- Membership will review these forms for discussion and vote at the February board meeting.

VT BoS CoC Board Agenda

- 11:10 Consider approval of minutes for Balance of State CoC Board meeting held on Dec. 19, 2024 Minutes are available here, <https://helpingtohousevt.org/minutes/>
 Moved by Mary Gerisch, seconded by Casey. Motion passes
- 11:10 Vote to approve new co-chair position from Jan 2025 – Jan 2027, Mary Gerisch, Brattleboro Housing Authority.
- Mary Gerisch, Bennington Housing Authority
 - Mary Gerisch is currently the Compliance Officer at the Bennington Housing Authority. Bennington Housing Authority provides income-based housing. BHA has housing campuses for families as well as folks who are elderly and/or disabled. BHA also issues Section 8 vouchers and Mainstream vouchers (i.e for those who have a non-elderly family member who is disabled and whose family is experiencing lack of housing.) She is the representative of the Bennington Housing Solutions group, and a representative to the Bennington Coordinated Entry Committee. Mary is on the NAACP Board for Southern Vermont.
 - Moved by Marie, seconded by Kim, motion passes.
 - Plan is for Jess to continue helping for the next few months as Mary gets settled.
- 11:15 **Warned Vote for February VT BoS CoC Board Meeting:** Discussion on including VT BoS CoC Board Member Bios on HHAV Website
- 11:20 Board Members: Any suggestions for topics of suggestions for next meeting? We will also be doing a board orientation for all existing and new members at the upcoming meeting!

There are two cold weather shelters open in Barre and Burlington – ask [Ari Kisler](#) if you need more info. [Current Shelters and Warming Centers | Vermont Emergency Management](#)

Daniel Franklin – Mental Health Advocacy day is on the 29th of January & Recovery Day is Feb 19th
<https://namivt.org/advocacy/#advocacy-day> <https://www.vamhar.org/recovery-day>

2025 VT BoS CoC Board Member NOT including new board members voted on today!

Cheryl Jackins
 Ari Kisler
 Jason Brill
 Kate Logan
 Lou-Anne Wood

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
	One rep for victims of DV/SV		
Jason Brill	One rep for veterans	U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs	x
Kate Logan	One rep for Youth	VCHRYP	x
	Rep with lived experience		
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	
Jeanne Montross	Addison Coalition Rep	HOPE	x
Mary Gerisch	Bennington Coalition Rep	Bennington Housing Authority	x
Chris Mitchell	Caledonia & S. Essex Coalition	AHS	x
	North Windsor & Orange Coalition		
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
Dan Handy	South Windham Coalition Rep	Groundworks Collaborative	x
Kathi Partlow	Washington Coalition Rep	Downstreet	x