

Homelessness Prevention Subcommittee

Minutes 10.25.2023

Wednesday, October 25, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Council Members:

Daniel Blankenship - VSHA
Rachel Hale – Hale Resource
Monica Hutt – Governor's office
Chris Winters – DCF
Will Towne – Spectrum Youth Services
Kim Anetsberger – Lamoille House
Kelly Dougherty - VDH
Monica White –DAIL
Adnan Duracak - DMH
Mary Moulton, WCMHS
Jay Ramsey, Director of Workforce Development, DOL
Derek Miodownik- DOC

Committee Members:

Katy Preston – AOE
Rebecca Plumber - Vermont Legal Aid
Beverly Boget – VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance
Chadd Viger -Recovery House

Absent:

Theresa Wood – State Representative
Pollaidh Major- VHCB

Guests:

Lily Sojourner – DCF/OEO
Miranda Gray – DCF/ESD
David Riegel – AHS
Kristin Kellett – AHS
Erhard Mahnke – Sanders office
Kathleen Berk, Executive Director, VSHA
Richard Hale – Hale Resources
Princess Strong – Community Member

- Call to order (1:33)
- Review agenda (1:35)
- Public comment (1:40)
- Approval of Minutes (10/18) (1:45)
 - Motion to Approve: Daniel Blankenship
 - Seconded Motion: Will Towne
 - Minutes Approved
- This week's topic: Subsidies (1:50)
 - Housing choice, project-based, mainstream 811, VERAP
 - Kathleen Berk and Daniel Blankenship VSHA
 - Federal budget landscape and impact on VT subsidies - Erhard Manke
 - AHS programs
 - Vermont Rental Subsidy for Reach Up Miranda Gray
 - Family Unification -Lily
 - Housing Subsidy Plus Care -Adnan D
 - Housing Contingency Funds -Adnan D
 - Landlord Relief Program –Lily
- Define key strategies, tactics, or plans with measurable performance metrics (2:30)
 - What are the gaps?
 - Landlord Relief Program – Can/Should this be expanded?
 - National advocacy – National associations, other states to gather additional support.
 - Eviction prevention – H.391 funded?
 - Housing contingency funds – Could/Should be increased?
 - Leasing in Place?
 - VT Rental Subsidy for Reach Up – Could this be expanded?
 - Common Application for subsidies – Do we want to support?
 - Kathleens magic wand!
- Confirm next and future meeting(s) (2:55)
- Close meeting (3:00)