

# Homelessness Prevention Subcommittee

## Minutes 10.18.2023

### **Attendees:**

#### **Council Members:**

Daniel Blankenship - VSHA  
Pollaidh Major- VHCB  
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  
Isaac Dayno – DOC  
Cindy Robillard – DOL  
Michael Curtis -WCMHS

#### **Committee Members:**

Katy Preston – AOE  
Rebecca Plumber - Vermont Legal Aid  
Beverly Boget – VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance  
Theresa Wood – State Representative

#### **Absent:**

Chadd Viger -Recovery House

#### **Guests:**

Paul Dragon - CVOEO  
Lily Sojourner – DCF/OEO  
Miranda Gray – DCF/ESD  
David Riegel – AHS  
Derek Miodownik- DOC  
Kristin Kellett – AHS  
Jack Kukuk - ICA  
Meghan Morrow Raftery -ICA

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### Call to order (1:33)

- Review agenda
  - Will asked for the Coordinated Entry Data presentation to be moved up in the agenda.
  
- Public comment (1:40)

There was no public comment.
  
- Approval of Minutes (10/5 & 10/11) (1:45)

Will Towne moved to approve the minutes as amended, Pollaidh Major seconded. The Motion was approved.
  
- This week's topic: History and Data (1:50)
  - [Roadmap to End Homelessness](#) - presented by Paul Dragon, ED of the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity. Paul reviewed the 2017 report that identified the strengths and barriers that existed at the time to ending homelessness in Vermont, noting that while there are not a lot of new ideas to be used today, there were lots of things in the archives worth revisiting and still room for innovation. Barriers at the time included the need for more affordable, supportive housing, rental subsidies, and improvements with the coordinated entry system. Vermont has made great improvements on all of these fronts. Barriers still existing today include a reliance on hotels and transportation issues. The theme seemed to be look back to what we know works and determine where best to put the emphasis. This will take a long-term commitment to return to the previous low levels we accomplished before the pandemic.
  - Coordinate Entry Data – presented by Will Towne and Jack Kukuk (ICA). Jack Kukuk oriented the subcommittee to the data collected and presented by the Institute for Community Alliances, using coordinated entry data.
  - Current state of DCF initiatives including shelters, GA, funding, and services were presented by Interim DFC Office of Economic Opportunity Director Lily Sojourner and Deputy Commissioner Miranda Gray of the Economic Services Division. They walked the subcommittee through the current state of the General Assistance Housing program, including usage of hotels and motels and the “June 30 cohort” as defined by Act 81, and also presented information on Shelters, and OEO's extensive Housing Opportunity Grant Program (HOP) and how the Office and the grants support a statewide network of community service providers assisting people with their housing struggles.
  - <https://icalliances.org/vermont-coordinated-entry-dashboard>

- Next meeting will be October 25 at 1:30 and the subcommittee will do a deeper dive into the topic of subsidies
- Meeting Ended 2:54 pm