

# Homelessness Prevention Subcommittee

Minutes 11/1/2023

## **Attendees:**

### **Council Members:**

Daniel Blankenship - VSHA Designee  
Pollaidh Major- VHCB Designee  
Rachel Hale – Hale Resource Designee  
Will Towne – Spectrum Youth Services  
Kim Anetsberger – Lamoille House  
Adnan Duracak – DMH Designee  
Mary Moulton - WCMHS  
Jay Ramsey - Director of Workforce Development, DOL  
Mary Moulton - WCMHS  
Derek Miodownik- DOC Designee  
Kelly Dougherty - VDH Designee  
Monica White –DAIL  
Chadd Viger -Recovery House

### **Committee Members:**

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

### **Absent:**

Chris Winters – DCF  
Monica Hutt – Governor's office

### **Guests:**

Lily Sojourner – DCF/OEO  
Miranda Gray – DCF/ESD  
David Riegel – AHS  
Kristin Kellett – AHS  
Jennie Davis - CVSD Housing Support Services Coordinator  
Julie Schaeffer - UVM intern school-based housing program at CVSD

## Minutes 11.1.2023

- Call to order (1:33)
- Review agenda
- Public comment
  - No comment was made.
- Update on Housing Development Subcommittee-
  - Dave gave a brief update.
- Approval of Minutes (10/25)
  - Motion to approve: Will Towne move to approve 10/25/23 minutes with attendance amendment
  - Seconded: Mary Moulton
  - All in favor, zero against
  - Abstained: Pollaidh Major (absent on 10/25)
- This week's topic: Eviction prevention and Workforce
  - The future of Social Workers and workforce development- Chadd Viger
  - OEO programs- Lily Sojourner
  - CCHA Prevention subcommittee- Jennie Davis
  - S.100 Eviction Prevention- Rebecca Plummer and Kathleen Berk
  - Employment Services Supports- DOL Workforce Development Team
- Define key strategies, tactics, or plans with measurable performance metrics
  - Can institutions incentivize and offer degree programs to increase the social service workforce?
  - Should we move toward a certification for housing specialists?
  - Could certification be done after folks are already hired? Paid Internships?
  - Registered apprenticeship?
  - How do we incentivize social service workers, like Vermont did for Nursing?
  - Which of the HOP awards could be scaled up?
  - Is there a HOP funding amount that could be recommended?
  - Is clarity needed between HOP rental arrears and the S.100 rental arrears?
  - Do we want to support an expanded definition of prevention/at-risk to increase funding opportunities?
  - There's only one school-based housing support position, could this be expanded or built on?
  - S.100: 1.) Rental housing stabilization services 2.) Tenant representation pilot program 3.) Rental Arrears program (Last year's proposed budget was \$4M should we support this?)

- Confirm next and future meeting topics
  - 11/8 – Services
  - 11/15 - “All In” and Regulatory Reform
  - 11/20 – Tactical Plan Recommendations
  - 11/27 – Full Council Meeting
  
- Close meeting (3:00)