

Rutland County Housing Coalition
Continuum of Care Minutes
April 21, 2011

I. Call to Order: Meeting Called to order at 12:00pm

II. List of Attendees: Kelly Basley, Julie Mazzariello, Adam Sancic, Jane Monroe, Patrick Riordan, Pam Petrie, Beth Diamond, Deborah Hall, Laura Rosen, Kim Bullard, Cindy Fortier

III. Open Issues:

- a. Shelter + Care is at capacity. No new applications will be accepted until February 2012, for this program. The S+C commitment for client and caseworker is 3 to 5 years. Upon successful completion of the S+C program and if the client wants to transfer to a housing choice voucher they can complete a housing choice voucher application but be sure to check the S+C preference. Further questions regarding S+C can be sent to Daniel Blankenship at Daniel@vsha.org.
- b. June 7th is Governor Shumlin's Housing Summit in the House Chamber in Montpelier. Agencies throughout the state are tackling tough issues.
 - i. the intent of the Summit is to figure out how we can all work together to house the hardest to house and to house the poorest of the poor.

Some of the tough issues we are addressing:

- ii. State Vouchers
- iii. Security Deposit Guarantee/Risk Pool
- iv. Permanent Supportive Housing
- v. Access
 - 1. Challenges identified
 - a. Transportation, case management, life skills, income/benefits, appropriate housing.
- vi. Housing Models for Homeless Populations
- vii. AHS Services

- c. I've emailed the Mayor to see how receptive/supportive he would be around transitional housing for families.
- d. VERMONT 211 Homeless Report
 - i. Homeless related calls = 30% increase
 - ii. Homeless or at risk families w/children = 52% increase. Homeless or at risk w/children make up for 35% of homes related calls.
 - iii. Over the past five years there's been an increase in length of time people are homeless.
 - iv. A total of 3,184 referrals made to homelessness related services were given to callers who reported themselves as homeless or at risk.
 - v. For more information you can go to www.helpingtohouse.org under resources.

2. VT PIT survey sheets

- a. There has been discussion about how the information is gathered and delivered. A question arose at the balance of state CoC meeting regarding consistency of data and the tools used to collect that data across the state.

3. Deborah Updates

- a. Guest speaker next month, Evan Smith from VT Dept. of Health.
 - i. Will talk about asthma and environments
- b. Salvation Army Awards Dinner for Sharon Russell
 - i. \$30pp or \$55 per couple

IV. COC Updates:

A. Adam Sancic-

- 1. 3SquaresVT – May 5th – outreach discussion in Randolph

2. Going to the Tuesday Ecumenical meeting to talk with pastors about repeat requests for monetary assistance. He will talk to them about the Addison Co. model (pooling funds)
 3. Grace Congregational Church is helping with online applications M, Tu, W 9:00am – 1:00pm
- B. Pam Petrie
1. Heat and garbage complaints
 2. Poor condition of hotel rooms
 1. Need for controlled transitional housing with case management
- C. Patrick Riordan
1. Economy still having a direct impact on landlords. As a result rents will soon be raised.
- D. Kim Bullard
1. Postal food drive: 5/14/11; volunteers appreciated.
- E. Kelly Basley
1. RCHC Walk-a-thon scheduled for May 21st, 2011. Contact Kelly for more information and packets.
 2. RCHC coin drop scheduled for April 29th, 2011 on Merchant's Row, near K of C building.
 3. RCHC Veteran Dinner at American Legion from 5-7pm on April 30th 2011
- F. Sindy Fortier
1. POISE program is full; starting a waitlist.

V. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm

VI. Next CoC meeting will be Thursday, May 19th 2011 at 12pm at RPD