

**Rutland County Housing Coalition**  
**Continuum of Care Minutes**  
**July 21, 2011**

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

**II. List of Attendees:** Deborah Hall(*RCHC*), Tara FitzGerald (*RCHC*), John Campbell (*RCHC*), Kelly Basley(*RCHC*), Adam Sancic(*AHS*), Beth Diamond(*VT211*), Carmel Quinn(*VT211*), Cynthia Fortier(*RCPCC*), Elizabeth Eddy(*BROC*), Kim Bullard(*BROC*), Liz Bellany(*RUNCJC*), Shawn McMore(*RUNCJC*), Julie Mazzariello(*RC Head Start*), Pam Petri (*Rutland City*), Robert Barrett(*Rutland City*), Liz Antonoff(*Turning Point*), Karis Williams(*RCWNS*), Charlotte Gladding(*PRIME*), & Valerie Page(*DISMAS*)

**III. Open Issues:**

**1. Introductions**

**2. Guest speakers**

a. Kim Bullard & Elizabeth Eddy with BROC will talk about GA Rules.

i. What work should be completed before referring? What is the estimated turnaround time? – Only applications are completed at BROC, AHS in Burlington reviews applications and make the decision. They are requiring documentation of need and receipts of expenses or they may deny application when there is no proof.

**3. Housing**

a. Proposal for scattered site transitional housing –CoC identified this need.

i. Targeting unaccompanied youth 18+ and families but be flexible, eligibility at or below 50%AMI, high Matrix score, ability to move on, short-term assistance, must move toward stable housing. Liz Antonoff, Elizabeth Eddy, Kim Bullard, Julie Mazzariello, Charlotte Gladding and Cynthia Fortier would all like to work on this as well.

ii. Deborah had as Richard White from VHCB to come and speak to the CoC about the Bricks and Morters Program, date to be determined.

b. Utilize summit findings

i. Security Deposit guarantee

ii. Landlord guarantee to LL willing to take the risk

1. Tenants must first complete Rental 101, financial fitness and commit to working with a caseworker for at least 12 months including monthly home visits. LL will agree to meet with case worker and notify CW in writing of any housing issues.

#### 4. Updates

a. RCHC grants & contracts have been renewed for another year

i. ESG –less than last year, prevention back rent and back mortgage, utilities to prevent disconnect security deposits and emergency mote stays up to 5 days.

ii. Housing Replacement Funds – State’s version of HPRP only through December have not received the grant or funds. RFP will be released in January 2012. RCHC will write the grant.

iii. RHS is not accepting applications. They are expecting to be ready to lease up on November 1, 2011 for the new Hickory Street Project.

#### IV. COC Updates:

A. **Beth Diamond, VT 211**: Reports are attached to the minutes. 9 after hours calls for emergency housing in June of 2011.

B. **Pam Petrie, City of Rutland**: Introduction of her replacement Robert Barrett.

C. **Julie Mazzariello, Head Start**: Now accepting applications and referrals for the fall.

D. **Kim Bullard, BROCC**: Average financial assist at this time is \$50/person

- E. **Charlotte, Gladding, PRIME**: Currently looking for short term shelter placements for youths.
- F. **Sindy Fortier, Rutland County Parent Child Center**: POISE program is full; starting to transition some current clients.
- G. **Liz Antonoff, Turning Point**: Turning Point provides dinner for free every Friday. Currently looking to expand the center and looking for a place that can provide shower and laundry facilities. Also looking at revitalization projects with banks on foreclosed properties.
- H. **Liz Bellany & Shawn McMore, RUNCJC**: National Night Out is August 2, 2011 at Whites Pool in Rutland and on the Green in Fair Haven. Currently looking for volunteers to help work with high risk offenders through a COSA Program.
- I. **Valerie Page, DISMAS**: Currently full, 11 transitional beds.

V. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm

VI. Next CoC meeting will be Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 12pm at RPD