

AGENDA
Chittenden Homeless Alliance Steering Committee
Thursday, April 6, 2017
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Champlain Housing Trust, 88 King Street, 2nd floor conference room
PLEASE NOTE EXTENDED MEETING TIME

1. Introductions and Announcements (5 min.)

2. Here to Help Clinic (Erin Hunt) (5 min.)

UVM Medical Center Schweitzer Fellows will share what the project will look like this coming year beginning in May.

3. UVM Homeless Study Project (Glenn Ravdin and Roberta MacDonald) (20 min.)

Glenn and Roberta will talk about a study to be conducted through the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont on the Greater Burlington homeless services system.

4. Opiate Discussion (Paula Chetti, HowardCenter Chittenden Clinic, Pam Farnham, Community Health Team, UVM Medical Center, Kerry Sullivan, Community Health Team, UVM Medical Center) (30 min.)

We will share information about the intersection of opiate use and homelessness, and how we might all support each other's efforts in this area.

5. Permanent Supportive Housing Coordinated Entry Process (Chris Brzovic, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity) (15 min.)

Chris will update us on this process and how it's working.

6. Vermont Rental Subsidy (Margaret Bozik, Champlain Housing Trust) (10 min.)

As a follow-up to the discussion at our last meeting, we will vote on whether to make a recommendation to the Agency of Human Services about changes to the structure of the Vermont Rental Subsidy program.

VOTE: The Chittenden Homeless Alliance urges the Department for Children and Families to amend the Vermont Rental Subsidy Program rules and procedures (P-2695) to eliminate the 12 month limitation on eligibility for participating households. The Alliance also recommends suspension of the issuance of new subsidies until the Department is able to assure continued rental assistance for current participants.

7. Committee Reports

a. Coordinated Entry (Lindsay Casale, Pathways Vermont) (10 min.)

b. Strategic Planning (Jane Helmstetter, Agency of Human Services) (10 min.)

8. Communication (Stephen Marshall, Homeless Advocate) (10 min.)

Stephen will present an update on issues confronting those with lived experience of homelessness and the group will discuss possible means of resolving those issues.

9. Schedule and Agenda for May meeting (5 min.)