

**Chittenden County Homeless Alliance (CCHA)  
Extraordinary Steering Committee Meeting  
Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 // 8-9am**

The CCHA Executive Committee is convening this extraordinary meeting of the CCHA Steering Committee and of leadership staff to discuss the Memo from Agency of Human Services and funding opportunities in response to the ESD Motel Program closure. The memo is attached here. We will also discuss alternative shelter opportunities/problem-solving locally.

**Minutes**

1. Introductions of Co-Chairs and conveners
2. Goals for Meeting: impact scope of closure, understand letter of interest from DCF, understand what agencies are doing in response
  - a. Updated info on folks exiting the motel program – Kerri Duquette-Hoffman, Agency of Human Services
    - i. Data changes daily, data is from 5/19
    - ii. Expanded Adverse weather conditions folks exit 6/1, and Expanded eligibility (as part of state ARPA funding)folks will exit 7/1

	A	B	C	D	E	F
People Whose Stays Ending 6/1 (Adverse Weather Conditions)						
Colchester		105				
Shelburne		58				
South Burlington		29				
		192				
(170 households)						
Household Categories						
People Whose Stays Ending 7/1			Age 60+		15	
Colchester		200	Disability		92	
Shelburne		75	Domestic Violence*		4	
South Burlington		43	Families with Children		56	
		318	Health Code/Eviction		15	
(185 households)			Pregnant		2	
					184	
			*households sheltered through STEPS not included			

- b. Complex care housing resource team is reaching out to connect
- c. Q: Is there a plan to track once exited? A: There are 132 in coordinated entry (CE) and awaiting contact to housing navigator – 54 are enrolled in CE and 82 not enrolled in CE – maybe don't want to access
- d. Q: Do data categories such as 60+ and disability overlap? A: Yes, SSDI and 60+ there is overlap

- e. Q: How many unaccompanied young adults – CE and assessment – exiting? A: CE data 42 unaccompanied youth (ages 18-24) and zero unaccompanied minors
  - f. Sarah Phillips- DCF, new webpage with updated data and information <https://dcf.vermont.gov/pandemic-era-ga-program-2023>
  - g. People connected to coordinated entry will remain connected.
3. AHS Letter of Interest Memo - Sarah Phillips, Agency of Human Services
- a. Shared for coordination and understanding – no commitment for funding just a way to share info. This is what AHS thinks makes sense and what is needed as resource.
  - b. Also AHS released an RFP for shelter resource staffing – rfp process through state procurement process
  - c. Projects are focused on preventing and addressing immediate unsheltered homelessness will be prioritized
  - d. Agencies that currently receive OEO HOP funds can contact Ari Kisler to increase funds for existing projects
  - e. Contact [2023HomelessResponse@vermont.gov](mailto:2023HomelessResponse@vermont.gov) with questions
4. What is our county response? What supports/projects do we need? What will be the unmet need?
- a. CVOEO- Travis Poulin
    - i. CVOEO will submit for CRC- Increase to 3600 meals
    - ii. Increase HOP CORA funding and will enhance in this + other projects TBA
  - b. Pathways- Molly Shriver-Blake
    - i. PSH- would like to add another team to support Chittenden County
  - c. CHT- Michael Monte
    - i. Would like to free up 10-15 family units to support homeless families, would provide 9 months of transitional housing
    - ii. If any agencies are interested in purchasing a motel to turn into shelter they should contact CHT
    - iii. Michael will reach out to private developers to see if they have any units available
  - d. CVSD- Jennie Davis
    - i. Would like to expand CVSD model to Winooski School District to provide much needed supports
  - e. COTS- Jonathan Farrell
    - i. Will utilize existing ERAP Grant to expand CE at day-station and bolster existing day-station staffing, food, supplies
    - ii. Holding camping supplies collection as last-ditch effort
    - iii. 20% unsheltered at COTS
    - iv. Households in hotels leaving next week
      - 1. 30 households in program – 2 housed – 2 self-pay – 4 in shelter – 3 camping in cars – 7 camping general- 5 moving in with friends and family – 7 households no plan
      - 2. Motel team will be onsite at all the hotels and motels
      - 3. There is \$10,000 available for transport
  - f. BHA- Crystal Jones
    - i. Will provide LOI for outreach to increase accessibility to waitlist
    - ii. Entered into contract with Verizon to obtain phones, need funding to expand

- iii. Staff training and workshop for trauma-related care for service providers
  - g. City of Burlington- Sarah Russell
    - i. working to stand up a temporary congregate shelter for adult (18+) individuals, any agencies interested in partnering should reach out
  - h. Beth Holden- Howard Center
    - i. Aware of Community Support Programs and developmental services, and working with clients on finding stable housing
    - ii. Will fund CRT and DS clients to continue motel stay
    - iii. Street and community outreach to connect vulnerable folks with resources will continue as always
  - i. Organizations should update VT 2-1-1 with any new information that should be shared with callers (new programs, expanded hours, etc.)
    - i. [info@vermont211.org](mailto:info@vermont211.org) or 2-1-1
- 5. Q: Any movement to allow camping on public lands? Org received donations of sleeping bags.  
A: Burlington City ordinance states that camping is prohibited in city owned parks – however tolerance and patience may be given in areas with no programming and other city property. The City has bolstered social work function with BPD Community Liaisons and the Urban Park Rangers to support campers and connect them to resources. The City recognizes that camping will happen and will need collaborate with all Chittenden County towns, broader than the city as folks are present outside of BTV, in addition to continuing close coordination with outreach teams and service providers to ensure people who are unsheltered are connected to resources.