VRSC MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2018

Meeting Convened at 1:10pm

Meeting Attendees:

Becky Arbella, Sue Cottrell, Susan Answorth-Daniels, Kim Bishop, Marianne Almeda, Doug Hemmings, Cathie Cassano.

Approval of November Meeting Minutes:

Doug did not have the minutes on hand. No vote was taken.

Hoarding: A Practical Overview:

* Today’s training brought in $200 (primarily from Washington County Mental Health) and was well received by the 40+ in attendance. The presenter, David O’Leary, was suggested as a possible speaker for a future NERSC conference.

Future VRSC Trainings & Membership:

* Group discussion included desire to attract additional housing authorities to VRSC trainings. Using VITMA trainers was mentioned as an option as some thought this organization had quality presenters on a variety of topics.
* Future training topic suggested was ‘Transition of housing from smoking to no-smoking environment’. Becky volunteered to look into a speaker to address this topic.
* Cathie reviewed the VRSC membership listing and several edits and additions were made to the document. Doug volunteered to take the edited membership document and finalize it to the best of his ability before the next meeting.
* Cathie also presented the 2017/2018 budget to meeting attendees. Sponsorships were down from 2017, but more are expected this year.
* Based on membership dues outstanding, Cathie expects a balanced budget sometime in the near future. Becky, Shires Housing, will personally follow-up with Shires to get that payment in the mail.

Vermont NERSC Basket:

* Doug volunteered to put together this year’s NERSC basket from Vermont. Thank you Doug!
* A motion to appropriate up to $150 for this basket was made by Becky and seconded by Marianne. All in attendance approved the basket appropriation motion.
* The 2019 NERSC conference will be held on Cape Cod, Mass at the Seacrest Beach Hotel in Falmouth.
* The 2021 NERSC conference will return to Vermont. Group discussed several possible Vermont locations.

Next VRSC Meeting – October, 2018