Vermont Resident Service Coordinators Annual Meeting

November 1, 2017

South Royalton, VT

ATTENDANCE

Andrea Dobras, Doug Hemmings, Susan Ainsworth-Daniels, Marianne Almeda, Becky Arbella, Leean Sack, Jen Hunter

MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed. Doug made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Leean seconded. Minutes approved.

ELECTIONS

Elections were due for President and Secretary. Vice-President, Susan Ainsworth-Daniels, and Treasurer, Cathie Cassano will be up for election in 2018.

A motion was made to re-elect Doug Hemmings as President and Anne Duplin as Secretary, although Anne was not present at the meeting. Jen Hunter made the motion and Betsy Arbella seconded. Anne contacted VRSC following the meeting and informed she has to decline the position of secretary. Doug Hemmings has been elected President for a 2-year term ending at annual meeting in 2019. VRSC’s Secretary Position is open.

MEMBERSHIP LETTER AND SPONSOR KIT

It is time to send out the membership form for 2018. Doug will adjust the letter from last year. Andrea will tweak the sponsor kit. The membership form will be modified to include the date range of the membership. The due date for 2018 membership is 1/31/18. Member year is Jan –Dec.

BUDGET

Marianne Almeda made a motion to accept the budget for 2018 as presented. Doug seconded the motion. The vote to approve the budget passed unanimously.

NERSC

Susan Ainesworth- Daniels made a motion to donate 450 to NERSC for sponsorship. Betsy seconded. There was some discussion about increasing the amount and it was suggested that VRSC can reconsider additional amount in March. Andrea also mentioned that VRSC can consider sponsoring VT participants of the NERSC conference to help support more VTers in going. Andrea mentioned this is easier done in state through VRSC than through NERSC.

The vote to sponsor NERSC at $450 was unanimously approved.

FUTURE TRAININGS

The group reviewed the suggestions for future training suggestions.

* How to help people with no income
* Restorative approaches to conflict and community building (restorative justice)
* Teaching tenants to get along
* Substance abuse / Hidden in Plain Site
* Competency vs Competence
* Hording (5 additional mentions of hording training) – mention of David O’Leary – hording focus within BHA Housing Retention team
* Fair Housing
* VAWA
* Cultural Competency (engage new Americans)
* Tips for working with Mental Health issues
* Site based vs community based services, assistance – home assessments/visits
* Guardianship (related to substance abuse, VAWA, EE) widen topic? POA, AD, Judgement)
* Reasonable accommodations
* How to promote links between PM/RSC
* Future of affordable housing

Next VRSC meeting date: March 21, 2018

HUD TRAINING REQUIRMENTS FOR VRSC

A member asked about VHFA giving certificate for submitting training completion of HUD mandated training. Decision to have Doug talk to Sam and get a sense of how many RSCs used to send him their training info where he would send a cert from VHFA. If significant number of people, Doug will e-mail Kim Roy to inquire if VHFA is still willing to do this.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hunter

VRSC member