VT HMIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - JULY 29, 2020

INTRODUCTIONS

- Meghan Raftery ICA
- Karina McNamara ICA
- Louise Masterson ICA
- Lee Trapeni Springfield Supported Housing Program
- Jessica Makela Homeless Prevention Center
- o Robert Ostermeyer CVOEO Franklin Grand Isle
- James Doyle Upper Valley Haven
- Gwen Williams Upper Valley Haven
- Daniel Blankenship Vermont State Housing Authority
- Christopher Brzovic Chittenden County Homeless Alliance/CVOEO Chittenden
- Becca Lewis Northeast Kingdom Community Action
- Chelsea Alsofrom Pathways
- o Elizabeth Kanard Community Health Center of Burlington Safe Harbor
- Lily Sojourner VT Office of Economic Opportunity
- Linda Amante CVOEO Chittenden
- Rebecca Gural Supportive Services for Veteran Families at UVM
- o Rich Turner The Veterans Place
- Will Towne Spectrum

HMIS ADVISORY CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND MEMBER AGREEMENT

- Will need to be signed by all members.
- This agreement indicates that members do not have a conflict of interest and will be unbiased through this process/software review.
- o Members will let ICA know if they feel that they have a conflict of interest.
- If unsure have a conflict of interest, please reach out to ICA and the committee members
- o The committee will decide what to do if members feel that they have a conflict.
- Members approve of these with the New Hampshire change.

HMIS ADVISORY GOVERNANCE CHARTER

- Goes into detail about the committee.
- Members approve of this document.

SOFTWARE REVIEW TIMELINE, TASKS AND VOTES

- o Timeline
 - Right now, it is a draft and barebones

- We may need to move things around as we go and there could be additions that we have not thought about
- O Which vendors to we reach out to?
 - Do we put something on our website or reach out to top 6 vendors?
 - Posting on websites leaves the RFP open to vendors who may not have any experience with HUD and the HMIS requirements
 - Many members prefer reaching out to the top 6 vendors.
- Both CoC's would need to vote/approve of the same vendor due to statewide funding and reporting needs.
- Should the CoCs ask for an increase in the upcoming NOFA to cover the cost of HMIS? – Meghan will bring this up with Adam and find out. Right now, this funding does not go to towards user licenses, it goes to staffing costs.
- OEO funding is flexible and can cover the licenses for HOP grantees. OEO pays for 100+ user licenses each year for their HOP grantees.
- o In Wisconsin, ServicePoint was fourth out of the four vendors for ranking.
- o Reviewed forms that Wisconsin used for RFP and RFI.
 - Want to make sure that the information is organized in a way that shows what required/needed vs. what is optional.
 - Color code what we need to meet HUD standards and what we might be able to change – ICA will update and send out
- Discussion around the top 6 HMIS vendors and the states that are switching vendors.
 - ICA will send a list of vendors and the committee will review to confirm who will be sent an invite
- Will be a significant time needed to be part of the committee.
 - Can we quantify this amount of time?
 - Likely need to review documents outside of meetings maybe 2 hours a week?
 - Meetings will be about 2 hours
- **OVOTE:** Recommend that the CoCs do an invitational only RFP.
 - Linda A. made the motion.
 - Rich and Lee second the motion.
 - All members voted yes to this.

NEXT MEETING

- o Thursday, August 27th at 2pm
- We will schedule the next committee meetings after we hear back about the CoCs vote decisions