**Upper Valley Unified Community Collaborative Agenda**

**June 24th, 2024,**   **8:30 am – 9:30 am**

4th Monday of every month

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* Reminder 2024 meeting schedule for the **4th Monday of the month**
  + **7/22, 8/26, 9/23, 10/28, 11/25, 12/23**
* **Organization updates**
  + Kim Russell – Orange East SASH – no updates.
  + Mike Reiderer – TVT – Reductions in services from financial constraints. The River Route is geared towards commuters. The River Route 2, midday routes have been suspended from the shortage of drivers. There are still 2 morning and 2 afternoon services. A survey is circulated to get feedback. The midday service has been underutilized since coming back from COVID and low ridership cannot justify the expense. Continuing the dial-a-ride service hopefully covers the reduction in service.
  + Gretchen Pembroke – Clara Martin Center. CMC was the first VT DA to get certified behavioral health federally funding. Now the funding has expanded to the whole state to cover all 10 DAs. This will help DAs to function as a model similar to FQHCs.
    - CMC is continuing same-day access to get folks in the door on scheduled days. This model has eliminated the waitlist across the CMC agency. Offering several groups for adults for substance and addiction. Healthy aging for older adults. Summer groups for youth through the child and family program.
  + Pat Ralston – Family and child health coordinator in WRJ – Interviewing for chronic disease position. Still seeking a school liaison and public health physician. Breast feeding promotion week is the first week of August.
  + Rudy Fedrizzi – VDH District Director for WRJ – Thanks to CMC half day retreat for MHFA. Ella Harper-Schiehl is starting as a substance abuse prevention specialist. Gearing up for fall flu season.
  + Casey Reiboldt – Housing Counselor in Randolph for Capstone – Money opportunities have diminished, while the need is still great. More homeless people are looking for tents and alternate living assistance. Accessing services at CMC are very high. Many reject their need for mental health support. Two demographics seem to be on the rise – older people who cannot get into nursing homes. The other is single young people 18-30 without children. Especially on social services or those with disabilities. Transportation, Food, and mental health are the great needs. The hotel system will change next week.
  + Cara Baskin – Integration Catalyst for GUVIST – 4 main projects – 2 around parent child and family resource centers and integration of those programs. The other childhood group is responding to an analysis of services for young children and parents who value the services and need to feel respected and cared for.
    - Project on Lead screening for 1–2-year-olds.
    - Grant from CDC to VDH to look closer at populations with CVD/HTN linked to SDoH.
  + Kelsey Root-Winchester – 302 Cares Substance use prevention coalition in Wells River – WR community picnic and ice cream social coming up.
    - Community dinners
    - So Long summer, Hello Fall will be the last week of August.
* LRHC
  + Lead screening for patients under 2.
  + HTN QI with VDH from CDC funding
  + VT Parks Foundation/Park Rx free park passes for medical and behavioral health patients.
  + PL4 offers support for substance abuse prevention to local organizations including The Hub and EC Library. Partnered with CMC to offer aMHFA at SoM.
  + Contingency Management grant from VDH – DynamiCare app for VT MAT patients

**Next Meeting: July 22nd**