**Upper Valley Unified Community Collaborative Minutes**

**July 22nd 2024,**   **8:30 am – 9:30 am**

4th Monday of every month

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Reminder 2024 meeting schedule for the **4th Monday of the month**
  + **8/26, 9/23, 10/28, 11/25, 12/23**
* **Organization updates**

**Casey Reiboldt – Capstone Randolph Housing Counselor –** noticing a lot of walk-ins and high use. Planning a community conversation around housing. Mostly people from Barre-Williamstown

**Marilyn – Capstone Bradford Housing Counselor –** It is a challenge to meet the community’s need. Wells River Library connected with NEKCA – Northeast Kingdom Community Action like Capstone. Also, looking to communicate resources between WR and Bradford Libraries. There are still openings for families at HeadStart through Capstone for prenatal through 3.

**Gail Trede** – **Bradford Library** – Getting meals from Summer Meal Program and sharing with WR library. Lunch and snack options. 30-40 meals a week. The library serves a diverse range of needs. Not experiencing the amount housing problems as she has seen in previous years.

**Cara Baskin – GUVIST (Greater Upper Valley Integration Services Team) Catalyst –** VDH projects for Lead Prevention in 1–2-year-olds. Another project through VDH populations at risk of ASCVD and SDoH. Early Childhood sector – sustainability for playgroups and circle of security.

**Gretchen Pembroke – CMC (Clara Martin Center) designated agency for OC –** State was awarded as a demo state as Cert. Community Mental Health Center. CMC and Rutland Mental Health. On track to get certified by 2025. Similar to FQHC in reimbursement. Expanding front desk and adding capacity. Maintaining no waitlist. Walk-ins available. Option for case management, group work. Focus on TAY – transitional age youth and older adult 55+.

**Pat Ralston – Family and Child Health Coordinator in** **WRJ** – Send WIC brochures to Gail at Bradford Library. Breastfeeding week Aug 1- 7th – encouraging local libraries to read a breastfeeding book for story hour. COVID kits are available for organizations to distribute to people. VDH Internal book group to read Gather.

Kim Russell – SASH (Support and Services at Home) – Worked with Marilyn to house a large family. The Barre shelter is closed. Veggie Van Go and food boxes are available, and she can share with Gail. Meet Wednesday with Gail and invite Melissa - [melissa@baldwinlibraryvt.org](mailto:melissa@baldwinlibraryvt.org) from the Wells River Library. They are considering how to get a food shelf started at the Groton SASH office. Almost at max with SASH.

**Maureen Boardman – LRHC (Little Rivers Health Care) Family NP and director of quality and research –** There are multiple projects in progress at LRHC. One is in partnership with VDH to improve colorectal cancer screening and outreach. RMOMS (Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies) – LRHC is partnering with North Country Community Network and DH. At LRHC our OB and fam docs who deliver at NVRH (Northeastern VT Regional Hospital) standardize the protocol for prenatal care and transfer to DH during the last 4-6 weeks and then return to LRHC to do postnatal and pediatric care. Providers in Bradford – Maureen, Ayla, Rachel. E. Corinth – Ally Noble. Wells River – Fay, Simone, Steve, Marlene.

**Rudy Fedrizzi – VDH WRJ district director –** Reading *Gather* by Ken Cadow. Dartmouth has a class at the center for social impact that takes on a project for a full term. Medical Reserve Corps responds to emergencies like flooding. Encourage people to volunteer.

**LRHC –** Food Farmacy continues to work with DH-CARHE for strategic plan and sustainability. continue to offer free VT park pass through Park RX and VT Parks Foundation. NIH research program for DynamiCare. LRHc is considering starting a local chapter of Walk with Doc. Using substance prevention funding to plan a screening of *Just Getting By.*

**Next Meeting: August 26th**