**Upper Valley Unified Community Collaborative Minutes**

**October 28th 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**
  + **11/25, 12/23 - Winter Recess**
* **Organization updates**
* **Gretchen Pembroke – Clara Martin Center Director of Adult Services –** Improving capacity for kids and adults. Moved to a same-day access model on Tuesdays 11-2p. This has improved access.
  + Holiday Basket – open to the community. No restrictions, sizes vary for individuals or families.
* **Mike Reiderer**- Amended the River Route to add the Marianne Cross school. Mostly to accommodate the Dartmouth College folks. Circulator still runs M-F from Bradford to Woodsville; T & Th includes Fairlee. Dial-a-ride helps to accommodate additional health.
* **Kim Russell – SASH coordinator for Orange East**. She is working with Groton Librarians to set up a clothing/household spot to get folks items in need.
* **Geneva (Neva) Cote – Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist for VDH WRJ** – VDH COVID/Flu vaccines at the Listen center went well. With the Ronald McDonald van not running this year there are big gaps to the in-school dental clinics. Organizing other options with 802 Smiles and Upper Valley Smiles has connected with a hygienist who can do a lot of OESU. All mobile.
* **Maureen Boardman – Director of clinical research at LRHC –** Partnering withVDH on a CDC grant to improve increase CRC screening rates. Started sending FIT kits to low-risk patients. Already seeing an improvement in screening rates. LRHC will continue for another year. Rates are above 65% of eligible patients. **RMOMS –** HRSA grant from DH for improving maternal and prenatal healthcare – Mostly in north country (LRHC is southernmost region). LRHC is supporting patients who then give birth at DH. Ultrasound at Dartmouth at 18 weeks. Once a patient is 36+ weeks they transition to DH and then postpartum care returns to LRHC. It is an opportunity for a shared-care model.
* **Courtney Hillhouse – BBF –** Connect with Maureen for RMOMS work. BBF is focuseduilding resilience for children and families in the UV. Council funds are available to support modest projects for child and family mental health. Working on draft policies. Greater Randolph Area Support Service. (GRASS) run by Anthony Knox.
* **Cara Baskin – Integration Catalyst for GUVIST –** Lead exposure and testing improvement work through clinic workflows and community education.
* **Marylin** – **Capstone** – BR housing counselor. Full panel. Still able to try to help with coordinated entry, but there may be a waitlist. Continue to make referrals. The emergency economic services is opening for winter. Emergency housing is very difficult. Financial advisors holding session for public Wednesday at noon about budgeting, saving. Business start up session. Info is on website. BR HeadStart staff have capacity for referrals for HeadStart services. Weatherization and programs.
* **Kelsey – 302 Coalition coordinator** – Substance prevention coalition also screened “Just Getting By”. Family dinner nights are going well and well attended. Encourage table discussion and no phones. Red Ribbon week goes on through Halloween. Prescription take-back day encouraged proper disposal. New website for 302 Cares 302cares.org. Starting a community survey to better understand prevention needs in the area. John Snow, Inc. Discussions with local teens. Still waiting for YRBS for 2023.
* **Casey Reiboldt** – **Randolph Capstone Housing Counseling** – Seeing about 28 people including children who are homeless. There may be some options in Waterbury. Would add additional barriers but could help people in great need. Groups continue to trouble shoot options.

**Next Meeting: November 25th --> NO DECEMBER MEETING**