**Upper Valley Unified Community Collaborative Minutes**

**November 25th 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**
  + **12/23 - No December meeting for holiday break**
* Collaborative evolution for 2024
  + Reach out to potential organizations who are either not at the table or who have not joined in our conversation for a while.
    - Orange County Parent Child Service – Monique Braman – Assistant Director, Lindsey Trombley – Director. Head Start. OESU.
* **Organization updates**
  + **Neva – Geneva Cote – Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist – VDH.** Coordinatingdental services coordination with the schools. Coordinated in-school services for 6-7 schools. Hoping that the Plainfield bus will come back. Coordinated other 802 Smiles, Health Hub and UV Smiles. Potential for other providers to improve communication.
  + Breastfeeding friendly organizations campaign. Geneva will send materials to Gail at Bradford Library.
* Pat Ralston – Maternal Child Health Coordinator – VDH. Will also reach out to Gail for the August world breastfeeding awareness month. Breastfeeding Coalition is reconvening. There is a new lactation consultant. Working with parent-child centers to connect with families seems to be getting more difficult because of more needs and greater difficulty to engage with families.
  + Some small sleep sacks and pack-n-play for giving away
  + Library material available, but not as useful as connecting with people. Flyers are not the best. QR Codes can be useful.
  + One barrier is the ability to recruit and engage with WIC, Medical Reserve Corpe (public health)
  + Self-Management workshops www.MyHealthyVT.org
  + Rachel Morse is a lactation consultant at LRHC
* Rudy Fedrizzi – WRJ VDH District Director.
* Marilyn Cook – Bradford Housing Counselor for Capstone – Sue Minter is stepping down as executive director of Capstone. Reduced funding cut positions for concierge – directing calls may be an issue.
  + Motel program will open for winter which will hopefully help folks who have lost housing. Qualification requirements are on VT Department of Economic Services - [Economic Services Division | Department for Children and Families](https://dcf.vermont.gov/esd)

**Qualifications include**: child 19 yrs of age or younger, preganant, experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, etc., 65 or older. Otherwise categorically eligible and includes a member 50 or older. Call 1-800-775-0506 for assistance or questions.

* Casey Reiboldt – Randolph housing counseling for Capstone – crisis fuel started. Homelessness is rising. People have been offering equipment for the homeless; tents, blankets, sleeping bags, etc. Barre and Randolph are seeing the housing need rise.
  + Health Hub dental van has been supporting people in need and the feedback is glowing.
* Gail Trede – Bradford Librarian – more people using the library as a service hub. There is a huge need for accessing services.
  + Gail is writing a grant for the hearing and visually impaired. Needs data on folks in our community who would benefit from resources like magnifiers, closed captioning (subtitles), VT Coalition for the blind. Neva could reach out to the VDH data analyst.
  + Clara Martin Center has openings on Tuesdays for mental health services.
  + Libraries can feel unsafe. Security training is essential. De-escalation training for librarians. Other training courses for approaching difficult situations; giving space, hygiene, etc.
* Maureen Boardman – the Food Farmacy is working on acquiring a Van to grow the FF. CRC screening continues. Our numbers are too good for further federal funding as they are edging near 70%. VT clinics are doing well enough that the budget may not be extended to VT.
  + RMOMS project continues joint work with DH. Southernmost site being LRHC. Several patients have completed the s**hared care model** it is going very well. Thinking about training this model. Reasons being that the reimbursement is not good for prenatal care. There is a lack of proper training of certified staff. Some clinics have closed.

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