

## Members of Vermont's Interagency Council on Homelessness

### Agency of Human Services: *Cathy Voyer*, Director of Housing and Transportation

#### Agency:

- Umbrella agency for the Department for Children and Families (Office of Economic Opportunity), Department of Health, Department of Aging and Independent Living, Department of Corrections, Office Vermont Health Access, and Department of Health-Division of Mental Health
- Chair of Vermont Interagency Council on Homelessness
- Provides supportive services for low income Vermonters
- Administers ESG funding
- Serves on Vermont Housing Council
- Serves on Vermont Downtown Development Board
- Provides for an intra-agency forum on housing and transportation
- Participates in Economic Development groups
- Attend statewide Continuum of Care meetings

#### Personally:

- Chair of VT Interagency Council on Homelessness
- Board member of Vermont Community Development Program
- Sits on the Board of the Vermont Downtown Development Program
- Member of Vermont Housing Council
- Chair of two intra agency groups, one for housing and the other for transportation
- Member of Vermont Consolidated Plan Advisory Group
- A part of the Olmstead Commission
- Member of Vermont Public Transportation Advisory Council
- Attends Lamoille County Continuum of Care meetings
- Chairs the Homeless Management Information Systems advisory group
- Chair of Building Bright Futures Facilities Panel (quality childcare facilities funding board)
- Selectboard member for the Town of Morristown
- Former director of Office of Economic Opportunity

### Dept. of Housing & Community Affairs: *John Hall*, Commissioner and *Jim Saudade*, Deputy Commissioner

#### Agency:

- Develops the Consolidated Plan and passes funding for HOME and ESG through to other agencies
- Administers the Community Development Block Grant program
- Chair of Vermont Housing Council, a group advising the Governor on housing policy
- Organizes only subcommittee of Housing Council on Fair Housing
- Funds Regional Planning Commissions statewide
- Regularly attends the Statewide Continuum of Care meetings
- Member of state's largest affordable housing advocacy organization, the Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition
- Member of state's Housing Awareness Campaign
- Staff attends VT Community Development Association meetings
- Part of the New England Housing Network

Personally:

Commissioner Hall:

- Serves on the board of VT Housing Conservation Board
- Commissioner of Vermont Housing Finance Agency Board
- Chairs the Vermont Community Development Program Board
- Sits on the board of the St. Johnsbury Academy
- Part of extended Cabinet Meetings and Agency of Commerce and Community Affairs
- Previously was Town Manager of the Town of St. Johnsbury and Executive Director of Northeast Vermont Development Association (RDC and RPC)

Deputy Commissioner Saudade:

- Member of National and New England Regional Council of National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials
- Belongs to Northeast Economic Development Association
- Previously the Executive Director of Green Mountain Economic Development
- Regularly attends meetings for the Incubator Investment Committee
- Part of extended Cabinet Meetings and Agency of Commerce and Community Affairs

**VT Housing Finance Agency: *Sarah Carpenter, Executive Director***

Agency:

- Member of state's largest affordable housing advocacy organization, the Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition
- Organizer of state's Housing Awareness Campaign
- Member and funder of VT Housing Managers' Association
- Regularly attends both Continuum of Cares in Vermont and serves on subcommittees for each
- Funds six Neighborworks Homeownership Centers that provide homebuyer education and counseling
- Helped create a statewide Resident Service Coordinator organization and funded necessary staffing

Personally:

- Sits on the Board of Trustees for the largest hospital in the state, Fletcher Allen Health Care
- Serves on Board of Converse Home, a retirement and assisted living home
- Is a board member of VT's Community Development Block Grant
- Sits on VT Housing and Conservation Board of Directors
- Member of the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board
- Long standing member of VT's Housing Council. This was created by the Governor to address housing policy in the state
- On the board of the largest homeless shelter in the state, COTS
- Was the Executive Director of Cathedral Square Corporation, for 16 years.

**Dept. of Education:** *Wendy Ross*, State Director: Education for Homeless Children and Youth as well as the Even Start Family Literacy Program

Personally:

- Member of Northeast Coordinators of Homeless Education Network
- Affiliated with US Department of Education: Student Achievement and School Accountability Programs
- Part of the National Even Start Association
- Member of National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
- Associate to Reading First Leadership Team
- Part of the Department of Education Early Education Team
- Previously was the director of the Department of Education Adult Education Board; was the Director for the Vermont Literacy Resource Center; and Directed the Coalition of Vermont Elders.

**Dept. of Employment and Training:** *Bill Cormany*, Senior Policy Advisor

Agency:

- Administers Federal Department of Labor funding
- Administers State funded job training programs

Personally:

- Serves on the Consolidated Plan Advisory Group
- Serves on Executive Committee of the National Governors' Association of State Liaisons' for Workforce Development
- Serves on the Advisory Board of the Vermont Council for Quality

**Dept. of Health:** *Mary Lou Bolt*, District Director for the Rutland District Office

Personally:

- Serves on the James T. Bowse Community Health Trust Board
- Member of the Southern VT Area Health Education Center board of directors
- Sits on the Rutland Region's Community Health Centers' Board

**Dept. of Corrections:** *Karen Lawson*, Grant Specialist in the Community and Restorative Justice Division

Agency:

- Collaborates with community agencies about issues faced with offender populations (housing, employment, education, life skills, etc)

Personally:

- Attend statewide Continuum of Care meetings
- Monitor transitional housing grants to many community agencies
- Previously the Safe At Home Program Coordinator (for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault)

**Dept. of Health-Division of Mental Health:** *Brian Smith*, Community Services Coordinator

Agency:

- This agency is the State Mental Health Authority
- Funds the 10 Designated Community Mental Health Providers
- Administers the Housing Contingency Fund, which is temporary rental assistance for people with severe and persistent mental illness as they await subsidized housing
- Agency is the funding stream for the Center for Mental Health PATH program
- Funder for many HUD Homeless Management Information Systems for the state
- 80 units of housing has been developed through the agency and its partners

Personally:

- Member of the Vermont Human Services Data Consortium
- Chair of the New England Regional HMIS workgroup
- AHS housing project review team member
- Team member for the Safe Haven
- Homeless provider board member

**Office of Economic Opportunity:** *Tony Morgan*, Chief Administrator

Agency:

- Administers poverty programs
- Administers Emergency Shelter Grant Program
- The administrator of Community Services Block Grant
- Liaison for Community Action Agencies
- Grantee for the balance of state Continuum of Care funding through the Supportive Housing Program of HUD

Personally:

- Didn't respond

**Social Security Administration:** *Chris DuPuis*, District Manager for Montpelier

Agency:

- Processes application for cash benefits
- Provides referral information for other available services

Personally:

- Was on the board for the Federal Family Credit Union for 15 years
- Serves on the VT Medicare Beneficiary Services workgroup to foster a better understanding of Medicare by VT residents

**Veterans Administration:** *Robert Rummel*, Homeless Coordinator

Personally:

- Attends Balance of State Continuum of Care meetings regularly

**Balance of State Continuum of Care aka. VT Coalition to End Homelessness: *Caprice Hover, Chair***

Personally:

- Commissioner of the Vermont State Housing Authority
- Member of the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and Rutland Economic Development Public Policy Committee
- Commissioner of Governor's Jobs Cabinet
- Chair of Rutland County Continuum of Care
- Board Member of Parkstreet Healthshare
- Executive Director of Rutland County Housing Coalition
- Regularly attends meetings for Rutland Regional Board for Family Services: Human Service Council for Rutland County
- Previously worked for the Bennington Regional Opportunity Council (Community Action)

**Chittenden County Continuum of Care: *Rita Markley, Organizer***

Agency:

- Largest emergency shelter provider in Vermont
- Leads the Chittenden County Continuum of Care, as well as writing the NoFA application annually

Personally:

- Sits on the National Coalition for the Homeless Board
- Board member of Housing Vermont, a non-profit tax credit syndication and development company
- Member of the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity Board
- Is the Chittenden County contact for the Balance of State Continuum of Care
- Attends the "Gang of 8" meetings convened by the City of Burlington which includes nonprofit housing developers and COTS
- Served on the Mayor's Affordable Housing Task Force
- Currently Executive Director of the Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS)