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Memorandum of Understanding between The Vermont Agency of Education and The Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness

The Parties

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding are the Vermont Agency of Education (AOE), the State Education Agency responsible for ensuring students identified as homeless have equal access to the same free, appropriate, public education provided to other Vermont children, with the opportunity to meet the same challenging state content and student performance standards and the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness (VCEH), the primary decision-making body of the Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC).

Purpose

The Parties, by signing this MOU, agree to collaborate on the CoC's planning and implementation of a comprehensive community plan to prevent and end homelessness among youth and young adults throughout the State of Vermont. This MOU recognizes the parties' shared goal of preventing and reducing homelessness among unaccompanied youth in Vermont schools by keeping these youth in school with stable housing and supports, and their mutual commitment to identify strategies and reduce barriers to doing so.

Responsibilities of the Parties

Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness:

1. VCEH will maintain its membership on the Youth Action Board and the Youth Homelessness Prevention Plan Committee, which it formed to spearhead the development and implementation of a coordinated community plan to prevent and end youth homelessness.
2. VCEH, through its designated Collaborative Applicant, will complete its application for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program for funding and technical assistance to support this planning and implementation.
3. VCEH will continue to enact its *Education of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Policy*, which ensures all HUD CoC program recipients, sub-recipients, and related service providers make the educational and service connections to

ensure youth are enrolled in school and receive educational services, as appropriate to their individual needs.

Vermont Agency of Education:

1. The AOE will continue to designate the State Coordinator for Education of Homeless Children and Youths to be a member of the CoC Board as well as a member of the Youth Homelessness Prevention Plan Committee to participate in YHPPC meetings and planning of the comprehensive community plan to end youth homelessness. The State Coordinator for Education of Homeless Children and Youths supports the work of all McKinney Vento homeless education liaisons statewide.
2. The State Coordinator for Education of Homeless Children and Youths will serve as a liaison between YHPPC/YAB and the SU/SD McKinney Vento homeless liaisons within the VT Balance of State CoC geography.
3. The AOE will continue to explore the most effective way for SU/SD level homeless education liaisons to refer students and their families into the Coordinated Entry System; this will include a training on Coordinated Entry to all homeless education liaisons in 2018.
4. The AOE will continue to foster collaboration between homeless service providers and local homeless education liaisons, including but not limited to cross trainings and sharing of informational resources.

This MOU will begin April 15, 2018 and continue until June 30, 2023 or until such time as one or both parties terminates the MOU in writing with 30 days notice.

The MOU will be revisited annually and may be amended at any time with the written mutual consent of the Parties.

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