



“The Hungry Heart” with Film Director, Bess O’Brien

***A documentary film on the hidden world of prescription drug addiction
as seen through the eyes of Vermont Pediatrician, Fred Holmes.***

Dr. Holmes prescribes suboxone to his patients struggling with prescription drug addiction. Much like methadone, suboxone helps many addicts in their recovery process— for some taking suboxone is a crucial stepping stone to long term recovery, for others it is a crutch, for others suboxone is abused and diverted onto the street. Through the film we see Dr. Holmes struggling with these challenges. As the film progresses we begin to see the simple but profound connection that Dr. Holmes creates with each patient. The film shines a light on the healing power of conversation and the need for connection that many of these young addicts yearn for but do not have in their lives. In addition, the film interviews a number of older addicts who talk about their recovery process juxtaposed against Fred’s patients. The road to recovery is paved with both success stories and strewn with relapses, downfalls and tragic losses (credit sadler). However, through the movie we see the many faces and diverse populations of addiction, and their continued search for a life of recovery.

**During our March training, attendees will have the opportunity to view the film
and talk with Director, Bess O’Brien.**

Bess O’Brien is the director/producer of numerous award-winning documentary films including *The Hungry Heart*, *Ask Us Who We Are*, *Journey into Courage*, *Where is Stephanie*, and *Here Today*. She is also the director/producer of the highly acclaimed feature film *Shout it Out* based on the lives of Vermont teens and the original *Voices Project* live musical. Bess O’Brien co-founded Kingdom County Productions with her husband Jay Craven in 1990. O’Brien co-produced the feature films *Where the Rivers Flow North* starring Rip Torn, Tantoo Cardinal and Michael J. Fox, and *A Stranger in the Kingdom* starring Ernie Hudson and Martin Sheen. O’Brien has also been the director of *The Vermont Arts Institute*, a three week intensive camp for teens from across the country to learn about film and theatre. For more information about Bess, see her page on the Kingdom County Productions website.

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Royalton Academy Building - 4266 VT Route 14, South Royalton, VT 05068

Registration 9:30 am—10:00 am

Training 10:00 am—12:30 pm

Lunch & Networking 12:30-1:00 pm

VRSC Member Meeting: 1:00-2:00 pm

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**Admission is FREE for Vermont Resident Service Coordinators &
Vermont Housing Managers Association members.
Non-Members are invited to attend for \$10 (includes admission & lunch).**

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