



# Blue Ridge Interagency Council on Homelessness

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Friday, January 13, 2023

1. Welcome and Introductions – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair
2. Approval of Meeting Notes – December 2022
3. ARCH and PSH RFP Update – Matt Crookshank, City of Roanoke
4. Point-in-Time Count Resource Fair – Alison Jorgensen, Council of Community Services
5. ESG & HOME-ARP – Keith Holland, City of Roanoke
6. Community Outcomes Report – Brian Burnette, Council of Community Services
7. Homeless Students Report – Malora Horn, Roanoke City Public Schools
8. Announcements
  - Winter Point-in-Time Count – January 25, 2023
  - PIT Resource Fair – January 26, 2023, 9am – 1pm at the Berglund Center
  - Community Forum on Homelessness – January 29, 2023, 3 – 4:30pm at Oakland Baptist Church
9. Adjourn

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BRICH will be  
February 10, 2023**

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## Friday, December 9, 2022

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	-	Amanda Sparks	<b>P</b>	Dave Prosser	<b>P</b>	Judy Smith	-	Captain Russell Clay
<b>P = Present</b>	-	Angela Penn	-	David Bustamante	-	Judy Hough	-	Captain Jamie Clay
<b>- = Absent</b>	<b>P</b>	Anne Marie Green	-	Dawn Riddle	-	Kathleen Guilliams	<b>P</b>	Paula Prince
	-	Annette Lewis	-	Debbie Brown	<b>P</b>	Keith Holland	-	Sally Putnam
	-	Sgt Martin	-	Felicia Prescott	-	Kristin Adkins	-	Sherry Stull
	-	Bill Duncan	<b>P</b>	Hope Browning	<b>P</b>	Lee Clark	<b>P</b>	Stacy Shepherd
	-	Brian Geiser	-	Helen Ferguson	<b>P</b>	Leslie Leedy	<b>P</b>	Steve Martin
	-	Brittany Huffer	-	Jeffery Doyle	<b>P</b>	Loretta Freeman	<b>P</b>	Sue Goad
	<b>P</b>	Bryan Hill	-	John Garland	-	Malora Horn	<b>P</b>	Tanyia Jones
	-	Chelsea Pardue	-	Joyce Earl	<b>P</b>	Matt Crookshank	<b>P</b>	Toni McLawhorn
	-	Dani Poe	-	Jo Nelson	-	Ashleigh Bowman		
<b>GUESTS</b>	<b>P</b>	Alison Jorgensen, Council of Community Serv			<b>P</b>	Brian Burnette, Director CHRC		
	-	Joe Cobb, Roanoke City Council			<b>P</b>	Matt Wasikewitz, Va Department of Health		

- **Welcome and Introductions – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair**

- Paula Prince opened the meeting at 9:05 am. The agenda and October minutes were distributed to BRICH members prior to meeting.
- Steve Martin motioned BRICH approve the minutes as written; Lee Clark seconded the motion. Those members present approved the changes.

- **ARCH and PSH RFP Update**

- ARCH does not have a long-term financial plan beyond January 1, 2023. It will be extremely difficult to make the grant functional the way the budgets of the permanent supportive housing programs are currently structured. The funds are inadequate to support the staffing needs of the PSH program.
- Bethany Hall is now closed.
- HUD Field office has provided guidance to restructure the grant and extend the deadline for the RFP.

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- It is recommended to amend the RFP for organizations to propose changes to the grant that would be advantageous to their organization and extend the submission deadline to January. All changes have to be approved by the HUD Field Office.
  - Matt Crookshank will convene a meeting with key stakeholders of ARCH and partner agencies to discuss if ARCH can maintain minimal operations of the PSH program until RFP is approved. There is flexibility with some line items so the budget can be adjusted to fit needs.
  - A Technical Assistance package would cost between \$10-\$20,000.
  - Family Service may be willing to work with Council of Community Services on case management as long they do not incur costs that are not covered by the grants.
  - Lee Clark motioned BRICH should recommend to Roanoke City to use \$400,000 in ARPA funds designated for homeless response over two years to stabilize the ARCH PSH programs. The funds will allow a new recipient to work with the City and HUD to restructure the grants, cover unforeseen program costs and obtain technical assistance, if needed. Bryan Hill seconded the motion. Those members present approved the motion unanimously with no abstentions.
  - Options are needed to place the current Trust House residents should we not have access to the facility. This will be discussed in the meeting with community stakeholders and ARCH.
- **Coordinated Entry & Data/Performance Committee Updates**
    - The committee is working on how to implement the new data entry system into the CoC structure. We will no longer be using VISPDAT. A new assessment/prioritization tool is being developed by the Coordinated Entry Stakeholder committee.
    - The new system will effectively measure vulnerability, support one prioritization list for agencies, and refer clients as space becomes available in each program. It would allow for monitoring successes and areas that need improvement to be more effective.
    - The next meeting will determine how to evaluate the new system and update parameters to meet all HUD requirements.
    - All meetings are recorded and posted on the CES page of the CoC website:  
<https://www.endhomelessnessblueridge.org/ces/>
    - The Community Engagement committee is working on a message system reaching out to media companies to dispel myths of homelessness. They will be reaching out to local media groups to collaborate on the project.
    - Data Quality committee is updating CoC HMIS policies.
    - Housing Stability committee needs leadership to oversee the established outcome measures.
  - **Funding Committee**
    - The Funding Committee will coordinate all ESG funding processes by reviewing funding applications and making recommendations. The committee will also review Virginia Homeless Solutions and HUD Continuum of Care applications.

- Contact Keith Holland or Matt Crookshank if interested in serving on the committee.
- **Community Outcomes Report**
  - Brian Burnett reviewed the November report noting that performance measures indicate sheltered homelessness has grown 75% over the past several years.
  - Returns to Homelessness Within 2 Years is decreasing (from 39% to 16%).
  - There has been a rise in those homeless for the first time and also in school age children.
  - Prevention services have allowed 174 clients to remain in their residence.
  - Rapid Rehousing programs have increased the number of clients being housed.
- **Homeless Students Report**
  - The Homeless Students Report for November was distributed with the agenda.
  - For November, there were 36 students identified which brings the total for FY2022-2023 school year to 418.
  - To date, 71 students (33 families) have been permanently housed.
- **Announcements**
  - Matt Crookshank will contact RVSPCA regarding working with the street outreach team (HAT) regarding homeless persons with pets. The RVSPCA provides a pantry of pet food if assistance is needed.
  - Keith Holland stated the draft of the gap analysis (HOME ARP funds) should be ready by December 19<sup>th</sup>. Once reviewed, the funding will be prioritized and presented to Roanoke City Council at the end of January meeting.
  - Due to unused ESG-CV funds, Keith Holland will request the funds be re-programmed to other agencies.
  - Homeless Memorial Service – December 21, 2022 at 11:00 am, Greene Memorial United Methodist Church.
  - Winter Point-in-Time Count – January 25, 2023
  - Homeless Resource Fair – January 26, 2023 at Berglund Event Center from 9-1pm. Services will be provided (i.e. food, vaccinations, haircuts, socks, gloves). Event will coincide with Winter PIT Count.
- **Adjourn - The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BRICH will be January 13, 2023.**

## Community Outcomes Report – January 2023 (covering December 2022)

### Blue Ridge Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness – January 13, 2023

#### System Performance Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

	December 2022 Count (Persons)	December 2022 Average LOT	December 2022 Median LOT
Persons in Emergency Shelter	438	60.67 days	31 days
	December 2021 Count (Persons)	December 2021 Average LOT	December 2021 Median LOT
Persons in Emergency Shelter	143	48.44 days	31 days
	YTD FY 2022 Count (Persons)	YTD FY 2022 Average LOT	YTD FY 2022 Median LOT
Persons in Emergency Shelter	665	49.85 days	23 days
	YTD FY 2021 Count (Persons)	YTD FY 2021 Average LOT	YTD FY 2021 Median LOT
Persons in Emergency Shelter	225	41.37 days	24 days

(Source: HMIS System Performance Measures Report [HUDX-223-AD] for Dec 2022 & Oct-Dec 2022)

**HPC Standard:** *Mean length of homelessness.* Either the mean length of episode of homelessness within the Continuum's geographic area is fewer than 20 days, or the mean length of episodes of homelessness for individuals or families in similar circumstances was reduced by at least 10 percent from the preceding federal fiscal year.

#### System Performance Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness

YTD FY 2022			
	Total Number of Persons who Exited to Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Number of Returns in 2 Years	Percentage of Returns in 2 Years
Totals from all SO, ES and PH Projects	112	27	24.11%

YTD FY 2021			
	Total Number of Persons who Exited to Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Number of Returns in 2 Years	Percentage of Returns in 2 Years
Totals from all SO, ES and PH Projects	206	56	27.18%

(Source: HMIS System Performance Measures Reports [HUDX-223-AD])

**HPC Standard:** *Reduced recidivism.* Of individuals and families who leave homelessness, less than 5 percent become homeless again at any time within the next 2 years; or the percentage of individuals and families in similar circumstances who become homeless again within 2 years after leaving homelessness was decreased by at least 20 percent from the preceding federal fiscal year.

### System Performance Measure 3: Change in Annual Counts

	YTD FY 2022	YTD FY 2021	Difference
Unduplicated Total Sheltered Homeless Persons	869	243	+626 (+257.6%)
Emergency Shelter	869	243	+626 (+257.6%)
Safe Haven	0	0	0
Transitional Housing	0	0	0

(Source: HMIS System Performance Measures Report [HUDX-223-AD] for Oct-Dec FY)

#### Number of school-age children

Year-To-Date	FY 2022	FY 2021	Difference
Number of school-age children (5-17) in emergency shelter	67	26	+41 (+157.7%)
Single-Day Count	12/31/2022	12/30/2021	Difference
Number of school-age children (5-17) in emergency shelter	16	12	+4 (+33.3%)

(Source: Combined CoC APR [HUDX-227-AD])

### System Performance Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for CoC Funded Projects

#### Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	YTD FY 2022	YTD FY 2021	Difference
Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	1	1	0 (0.0%)
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	0	0	0 (0.0%)
Percentage of adults who increased total income	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

(Source: HMIS System Performance Measures Report [HUDX-223-AD] for Oct-Dec FY. NOTE: This metric will only begin to populate when case management programs begin to fill out the “Status Update Assessment” or “Annual Assessment” found within the clients’ program enrollments that record changes in income that differ from income recorded at enrollment)

### System Performance Measure 5: Number of Persons First Time Homeless

	YTD FY 2022	YTD FY 2021	Difference
Persons with entries into ES, SH, or TH during the reporting period	559	206	+353 (+171.4%)
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, or TH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	230	92	+138 (+150.0%)
Of the persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, or TH in the previous 24 months. (Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	329	114	+215 (+188.6%)

(Source: HMIS System Performance Measures Report [HUDX-223-AD] for Oct-Dec FY)

### System Performance Measure 7: Permanent Housing Placement and Retention

	YTD FY 2022	YTD FY 2021	Difference
Persons in ES, SH, TH and RRH who exited	428	100	+328 (+328.0%)
Exited to permanent housing destinations	55	54	+1 (1.9%)
Percentage of successful exits/retention	12.85%	54.00%	-41.15%

(Source: HMIS System Performance Measures Report [HUDX-223-AD] for Oct-Dec FY)

### Homelessness Prevention

	YTD FY 2022	YTD FY 2021	Difference
Persons prevented from becoming homeless through financial assistance and homelessness prevention programs	894	629	+265(+42.1%)
<i>Persons served [Persons exited to permanent housing destinations]</i>	<b>[230]</b>	<b>[117]</b>	<b>+113 (+96.6%)</b>

(Source: Combined CoC APR [HUDX-227-AD] run for all prevention programs 7/1-12/31 of each fiscal year)

### Rapid Re-Housing

	YTD FY 2022	YTD FY 2021	Difference
Persons placed in permanent housing through rapid re-housing programs	256	190	+66 (+34.7%)

(Source: Combined CoC APR [HUDX-227-AD] run for all RRH programs 7/1-12/31 of each fiscal year)

### Permanent Supportive Housing

	YTD FY 2022	YTD FY 2021	Difference
Persons provided permanent supportive housing services	147	165	-18 (-10.9%)

(Source: Combined CoC APR [HUDX-227-AD] run for all PSH programs 7/1-12/31 of each fiscal year)

ROANOKE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HOMELESS STUDENT REPORT

**For: December Report**  
**Submitted: January 13, 2023**

BLUE RIDGE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

<b>MONTHLY STUDENTS IDENTIFIED:</b>	
December 2022 = 24	School began August 23, 2022
<b>TOTALS FOR 2022-23 SY:</b>	
Students: 442	Families: 248
<b>TOTAL PERMANENT HOUSED THIS SY:</b>	
Students: 83	Families: 40
<b>ACTIVE AND TEMPORARY STUDENTS THIS SY:</b>	
Students: 332	Families: 191
<b>NUMBER OF OTHER CHILDREN IN THE HOME: 45</b>	

CATEGORY	NOVEMBER	TOTAL THIS SY
Shelter	1	43
Doubled-Up	23	335
Hotel	0	64
Unsheltered	0	0

GRADE	NOVEMBER	TOTAL THIS SY
PK-5	11	241
6-8	4	87
9-12	9	114

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