Welcome and Introductions – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair
  • Introductions by those in attendance.

Approval of Meeting Notes – February, 2018
  • Annette Lewis motioned to approve the February minutes. Those attending approved the minutes by a verbal vote.

Roanoke City Schools – Homeless Student Report – Malora Horn, RCPS
  • Malora Horn was unable to attend but provided an updated report
  • There have been 480 homeless students identified during the period August 2017 through February 2018 (368 doubled up and 32 in hotels).

System Performance Report – Matt Crookshank
  • Matt will attach his monthly report when the minutes are distributed.

Presentation of PIT Data – Matt Crookshank
  • Data results show there were 317 total homeless individuals which is an 18.7% increase from last year. 18% of homeless were children.
  • Unsheltered homeless actually decreased this year from 17 to 11.
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- Veterans increased from 32 last year to 37; 4 are chronically homeless.
- For the survey, 144 of homeless (56.5%) agreed to participate.
- VISPDAT score, single adult, was 5.4 (out of 17)
- VISPDAT score, families, was 7.3 (out of 22)
- 43% of homeless came from areas outside of our CoC service area.
- 45% did not have health insurance; 21% went to ER 3 or more times in the last 6 months.

- **Grant Updates – Carol Tuning**
  - Carol, Dan, Matt, Jeanne McCormack, Tamy Mann have been working on the draft of the State application for DHCD State funds. It will be submitted at the end of the month.
  - Carol Tuning has submitted a letter of intent to the Foundation for Roanoke Valley for assistance with utility payments.
  - Carol is working on a VHDA Capacity Building grant for additional services for shelter programs, technical assistance and funding to assist with the summer conference.
  - Authority Cares is a project between Western Va Water Authority, United Way and Central Intake. Central Intake will screen individuals and get bills paid before cutoff. If a person comes back 2 or more times, they are asked to meet with United Way for budgeting assistance.
  - Central Intake is receiving approximately $4,000 each month from Authority Cares.

- **BRICH Initiatives – Landlords, Affordable Housing, Membership**
  - There was a roundtable discussion of agencies who use landlords to determine those who want to continue relationships.
  - On the CoC website, there is a link for “Project Connect” where landlords can list their properties and agencies can see what is housing units are available.
  - The April agenda will address Affordable Housing and other concerns.

- **Other Business**
  - Red Shield Lodge will permanently close on April 30.
  - The Salvation Army’s Youth Day Center will open on June 1.
  - Community Drop-In Center for aging-out foster care youth is coming along.
  - Turning Point is increasing their services to assist trafficking survivors.

- **Adjourn** - The next meeting of the BRICH will be April 13, 2018

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