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

Approval of Meeting Notes – May, 2018
- The May meeting notes will be distributed at the next meeting. All BRICH documents are posted on the website.

Funding Announcements
- The City of Roanoke received $6,000 from Foundation for Roanoke Valley (Al & Olivia Graham fund) for Crisis Housing.
- DHCD/VHSP – ($683,615) – for ARCH, City of Roanoke, Council of Community Services, and Safehome Systems
- Built for Zero – ($45,000) – for TA providers who are assisting the community to end veteran and chronic family homelessness. Roanoke has been selected to receive $30,000 for TA assistance because we are extremely close to ending veteran homelessness.
- Carol Tuning, Tanyia Jones, Jeanne McCormack and Matt Crookshank will be going to Detroit to speak with funders/foundations regarding funding opportunities.
Since We Last Met – Carol Tuning

- The annual Symposium was very successful. Presentations are posted on the CoC website.
- Paula Prince presented Debbie Brown with a letter of thanks from BRICH for the hospitality during the symposium; thank you to Judy Hough for the parking passes; thank you to the Council of Community Services for pulling the event together.
- Connecting Housing and Health for Stronger Communities was a meeting Carol and Paula attending in Richmond. Purpose of this meeting was to acknowledge homelessness was a health issue and how to access more funding.
- Roanoke City Schools, Carilion and Freedom First are in a joint venture at Fallon Park to build a component of the new elementary school that is going to assist with financial education.
- Carol and Paula presented a training session on Homelessness and Poverty to district leadership from the faith community. Part 2 is being planned to address different issues.
- National Alliance to End Homelessness conference in Washington, DC was attended by Carol Tuning, Jeanne McCormack and Matt Crookshank. There was information available on program data on race/equity in communities and how systems are performing across the board. Youth homelessness and the impact it is having on larger cities was another session lead by a group of energetic youth.
- Summer PIT counted 331 individuals as homeless; 6 were unsheltered students. An infographic was distributed by Matt Crookshank.
- Amy Shirkey noted the new Salvation Army Day Center has demonstrated positive outcomes with youth. The youth are very comfortable in seeking their guidance.
- HUD CoC application was submitted September 13 for $1,081,179.
- Build for Zero Project Part 2 will be in Detroit on sustaining functional zero in veteran homelessness. Carol Tuning, Jeanne McCormack, Tanyia Jones, and Matt Crookshank will attend the training session. An average of 8-12 veterans are housed each month but the inflow keeps increasing.
- RRHA is establishing a new policy to make homeless individuals a priority when vouchers are available.
- RRHA has been awarded 40 additional mainstream vouchers for November 1.
- Debbie Brown is spearheading the development of a Faith Community database that will encompass all of the services provided by local ministries.
- The RAM House will be implementing HMIS by the first of the year. Matt and Ben are working with them on training and connectivity issues.
• **Strategic Planning Overview – Dan Merenda**
  - Tuesday, September 18 at Greene Memorial from 12 noon to 3 pm will be a design session to develop new three-year goals and one-year outcomes.

• **Roanoke City Schools – Homeless Student Report – Malora Horn, RCPS**
  - School has been in session for 3 weeks and 250 homeless students have been identified.

• **System Performance Report – Matt Crookshank**
  - Matt distributed the August report. The average stay in an emergency shelter was 51 days.

• **Other Business**
  - BRICH annual calendar is available.
  - Workgroups will be established as needed for different BRICH initiatives.
  - Lee Clark is working on a policy on how to handle the transgender population when they come in to the Rescue Mission. If anyone has information on Best Practices, please contact him.
  - On Saturday, September 29, Greene Memorial is sponsoring a speaker, Jessica Stallings, on how to deal with different generations. Everyone is invited. Contact Debbie Brown for more information.

• **Adjourn** - The next meeting of the BRICH will be October 12, 2018.