



# Blue Ridge Interagency Council on Homelessness

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## Friday, April 12, 2019

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	-	Amanda Sparks	<b>P</b>	Carol Tuning	-	Johnathan Meredith	-	Mike Patterson
<b>P = Present</b>	<b>P</b>	Angela Penn	<b>P</b>	Dan Merenda	-	Jo Nelson	<b>P</b>	Monica Seiler
<b>- = Absent</b>	-	Annette Lewis	-	Dani Poe	-	Judy Smith	-	Pamela Hall
	-	Lt. Jennings Tardy	<b>P</b>	Dave Prosser	<b>P</b>	Judy Hough	<b>P</b>	Paula Prince
	<b>P</b>	Ben Bristoll	-	David Bustamante	-	Keith Holland	-	Sally Putnam
	-	Bill Duncan	<b>P</b>	Dawn Riddle	<b>P</b>	Kristin Adkins	-	Sherry Stull
	-	Brian Geiser	-	Debbie Brown	-	Leah Gibson	-	Sheryl Walters
	-	Bruce Phipps	-	Felicia Prescott	<b>P</b>	Lee Clark	-	Tanyia Jones
	<b>P</b>	Bryan Hill	<b>P</b>	Isabel Thornton	<b>P</b>	Leslie Leedy	-	Tracy Kochel
	<b>P</b>	Carla Wallace	-	Jim Weber	<b>P</b>	Malora Horn		
	-	Carly Villarreal	-	John Garland	<b>P</b>	Matt Crookshank		
			<b>P</b>	Joyce Earl				
<b>GUESTS</b>	<b>P</b>	Ocie Fiddler, VA						

- Welcome and Introductions – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair**
  - Introductions by those in attendance. Appreciation was provided to Lee Clark and the Rescue Mission for hosting today’s meeting.
- Approval of Meeting Notes – March 2019**
  - March meeting notes were distributed and there were no changes. Bryan Hill motioned to approve the March 2019 minutes; Judy Hough seconded the motion. Those present voted to approve.
- Roanoke City Schools – Homeless Student Report – Malora Horn**
  - In March, 71 students were identified as homeless. The total for the school year is 650. Malora has been in meetings with other professionals who cannot identify a reason for the increase in homeless students. She did note that the number of incarcerated parents has declined. The increase appears to be Nationwide.
  - RCPS has raised \$26,611 which has helped 183 families (410 students) from becoming homeless. For more information, visit [www.rcps.info](http://www.rcps.info) and click on the “Help the Homeless” link on the left side of the page.

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- System Performance Report – Matt Crookshank**

The March performance report was distributed.

	<u>YTD 2018</u>	<u>YTD 2019</u>
Avg length of stay	31 days	52 days
Total Sheltered Homeless Persons	1,426	1,558
First-Time Homelessness Persons who entered ES, SH, or TH during the period	1,380	1,506
Persons who exited program(s)	562	927
Exited to Permanent Housing	126	143

- 2019 PIT Report – Matt Crookshank**

- Matt provided a slide presentation on information from the 2019 PIT count. Once the final report is approved, it will be placed on the CoC website for easy access.

2018 – PIT count was 317    2019—PIT count was 319

2018—37 Veterans                    2019—41 Veterans

Chronic Homeless increased 72% (between 2018-2019)

304 (95%) were in Emergency Shelters            15 (4%) were unsheltered

47 (1.5%) were kids

Between 2012 and 2019, overall homeless count decreased 43%, even though recent numbers have increased.

- Other Business**

- Carol Tuning reminded everyone that the workgroups within the CoC need to get together. She will be contacting everyone for their suggestions.
  - The Symposium is scheduled for August 6 at Greene Memorial. The Planning Committee will meet at the end of the month. Several speakers have offered to make presentations.
  - VA2kWalk is May 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. There will be food trucks and other events planned.
  - Turning Point renovations are complete and an Open House will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. There are currently 21 clients in shelter at Turning Point (10 are children).
  - Captain Monica Seiler will be leaving Roanoke soon to begin a new adventure in Italy. Committee members expressed their gratitude for her accomplishments and wish her well.

- Adjourn - The next meeting of the BRICH will be May 10, 2019 at the Rescue Mission.**

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