



Blue Ridge Interagency Council on Homelessness

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Friday, September 13, 2019

ATTENDANCE	-	Amanda Sparks	P	Anne Marie Green	-	Johnathan Meredith	-	Kathleen Guilliams
P = Present	-	Angela Penn	-	Dani Poe	-	Jo Nelson	-	Jaime/Russell Clay
- = Absent	-	Annette Lewis	P	Dave Prosser	-	Judy Smith	-	Pamela Hall
	-	Lt. Jennings Tardy	-	David Bustamante	P	Judy Hough	P	Paula Prince
	P	Ben Bristol	-	Dawn Riddle	-	Keith Holland	-	Sally Putnam
	-	Bill Duncan	-	Debbie Brown	P	Kristin Adkins	-	Sherry Stull
	-	Brian Geiser	-	Felicia Prescott	-	Leah Gibson	-	Sheryl Walters
	-	Bruce Phipps	P	Heather Brush	P	Lee Clark	P	Tanyia Jones
	P	Bryan Hill	-	Isabel Thornton	P	Leslie Leedy	-	Tracy Kochel
	P	Carla Wallace	-	Jim Weber	P	Malora Horn	P	Jensen Mellnick
	-	Carly Villarreal	-	John Garland	P	Matt Crookshank		
			-	Joyce Earl				
GUESTS								

- Welcome and Introductions – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair**
 - Introductions by those in attendance. Minutes from the CoC meetings will be distributed in the future with packets each month.
- Approval of Meeting Notes – May 2019**
 - May meeting notes were distributed and there were no changes. Bryan Hill motioned to approve the May 2019 minutes; Judy Hough seconded the motion. Those present voted to approve.
- Roanoke City Schools – Homeless Student Report – Malora Horn**
 - For the 2018-2019 school year, 731 students were identified as homeless; 78% were doubled up.
 - Since school has started in August, 269 students have been identified.
 - Fundraising from the Help the Homeless program has provided \$32,500 to help families stabilize in housing.
 - Malora has relocated her office to Greene Memorial UMC.

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- System Performance Report – Ben Bristoll**

The August performance report was distributed.

	<u>YTD 2018</u>	<u>YTD 2019</u>
Avg length of stay	52 days	59 days
Total Sheltered Homeless Persons	1,758	2,069
	<u>YTD 2018</u>	<u>YTD 2019</u>
First-Time Homelessness Persons who entered ES, SH, or TH during the period	1,443	1,452
Persons who exited program(s)	1,553	1,870
Exited to Permanent Housing	287	318
Persons prevented from becoming Homeless through financial assistance	740	646
Persons placed in permanent housing Through Rapid Rehousing programs	232	249
Persons provided permanent Supportive housing services	204	224
Single-Day count of homeless school- Aged children	Aug 31 21	Aug 31 18

- Ben Bristoll noted a theory that client records are not updated consistently which may be driving up the numbers.
- If more affordable housing was available, the numbers of persons exiting to Permanent Housing would increase.
- Heather Brush, CHRC, mentioned that the Prevention programs have served 265 persons to prevent homelessness since the new year began July 1. Rapid Rehousing has served 19 households.

- 2-1-1 Virginia Partnership with City of Roanoke – Anne Marie Green**

- The 2-1-1 signs have been placed throughout Roanoke stating that if you need assistance, please call 2-1-1.
- Roanoke County is now interested in the 2-1-1 signs. VDOT has to approve.

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- **2019 Summer PIT Count**
 - The graphic was distributed to those present.
 - There were 267 people experiencing homelessness on the night of July 16, 2019 which included 39 unsheltered. This is a 19% decrease since last summer.
 - The Rescue Mission served 62% of those homeless on that day.
- **Other Business**
 - The HUD application is due September 30. Matt Crookshank distributed a chart showing the ranking of programs requesting funding. The total request for funding was \$1,065,923.
 - Paula Prince mentioned that we need to encourage more people to join the BRICH. Alleghany County and Botetourt are two that should have representation.
 - Bryan Hill will research ZOOM to see if Alleghany County may participate remotely.
 - The 2019 Symposium was a huge success. The sessions had good attendance. Cave Spring United Methodist provided a very good venue. Organizations appreciated the low cost training opportunity for staff.
 - October 5th is the dodgeball game to raise funds to support the Roanoke City homeless students.
 - December 20th is the Homeless Memorial Service at Greene Memorial.
 - 2020 Winter PIT date will be announced soon.
- **Adjourn - The next meeting of the BRICH will be October 11, 2019.**

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