

## Friday, November 11, 2016

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	-	Angela Penn	-	D.E. Hartman, II	<b>P</b>	John Garland	-	Pat Rolley
<b>P = Present</b>	<b>P</b>	Annette Lewis	<b>P</b>	Dan Merenda	-	Judy Cusumano	<b>P</b>	Paula Prince
<b>- = Absent</b>	-	Ashley Marshall	-	Dani Poe	-	Judy Hough	-	Pete Clark
	-	Lt. Barry Booth	-	Dave Prosser	-	Judy Lash	-	Sally Putnam
	<b>P</b>	Ben Bristoll	-	David Bustamante	-	Keith Holland	-	Sherry Stull
	-	Bill Duncan	-	Dawn Riddle	-	Kristi McCoy	-	Sheryl Walters
	<b>P</b>	Brenda Thornton	<b>P</b>	Debbie Brown	<b>P</b>	Leslie Leedy	-	Susan Carroll
	-	Brian Geiser	-	Felicia Prescott	-	Lisha McCargo	-	Suzanne Adcock
	-	Bruce Phipps	<b>P</b>	Isabel Thornton	<b>P</b>	Malora Horn	<b>P</b>	Tamy Mann
	<b>P</b>	Bryan Hill	-	Jane Conlin	<b>P</b>	Matt Crookshank	-	Tanyia Jones
	-	Carly Villarreal	-	Jim Weber	-	Nancy Reid	-	Tracy Kochel
	<b>P</b>	Carol Tuning			-	Pamela Hall		
<b>GUESTS</b>	<b>P</b>	Allison Jorgensen						

### 1. Welcome and introductions – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair

- Welcomed Leslie Leedy, Council of Community Services.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Notes – October, 2016

- Corrected Section 6, Upcoming Grants, CDBG grants - \$130K changed to \$1.5 million.
- Brenda Thornton motioned the corrected October minutes be approved; Carol Tuning second the motion. All approved by a verbal vote.

### 3. CoC Wide Strategy and Design Session – Dan Merenda

- Distributed handout, “Blue Ridge Continuum of Care – Aligning Federal/State/Local Goals”.
- BRICH/CoC goals are aligned with Federal, State and Local goals.
- Matt Crookshank distributed and reviewed, “Community Outcomes Report”, comparing this year with last year’s numbers for the same period.
- Strategic Planning Session, Greene Memorial, November 14 from 9am-noon, focusing on our service system and what we need to improve/change over the next 12-18 months.

What has changed over the past year?

- Ability to track data with new HMIS software (Service Point) which is now required when applying for State and Federal funds.
- Coordinated entry of persons into HMIS system and coordinating their services; refer to flow chart.



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- Ben Bristoll is currently working with the Rescue Mission to improve quality of data collection for HMIS.
- CHRC has 140 landlords working to house the homeless.
- Roanoke City's Homeless Outreach Team has adjusted their hours since there is an increase of "street homeless".
- New director at Red Shield Lodge is changing their program and reducing the number of beds by housing only employable, single men.
- There is no day center for the homeless. RAM House is not large enough.
- Downtown businesses are seeing homeless transients passing through.

## 4. Roanoke City Schools Homeless School Report – Malora Horn

- Malora Horn shared October's statistics:
  - Since the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, 269 homeless Roanoke City students have been identified; 52 students were identified in October. (6 students in shelters, 26 doubled up, 20 in hotels)
  - Seeing a reduction of families identified in shelters but an increase in hotel stays.
  - 3 families permanently housed in October; total of 17 permanently housed students.

## 5. Other Announcements

- Brenda Thornton reviewed the outcomes of the ESG funding meeting. Applications are now completed online, and applications need to be completed for each project. Due date is January 9, 2017.
- Paula Prince reviewed the importance of applicants reading the directions before completing their application.
- Debbie Brown visited George Mason University which has a day shelter outside of the campus. Homeless persons can receive counseling, do laundry, and have access to various other services.
- Malora Horn shared her conversation with representative of United States Interagency on Homelessness. Virginia was one of four states contacted regarding community collaborations on homeless students.

## 6. Adjourn

**The next meeting of the BRICH will be January 13, 2017**

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