



Blue Ridge Interagency Council on Homelessness

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Friday, January 13, 2017

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

- **Welcome and introductions – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair**
 - Introductions by those in attendance.
- **Approval of Meeting Notes – November, 2016**
 - Annette Lewis motioned the November minutes be approved; Brenda Thornton second the motion. All approved by a verbal vote.
- **Continuum of Care Funding Announcement – Carol Tuning**
 - Carol Tuning was pleased to announce approval of funding for many programs.
 - Three projects were reallocated to become “Healing Haven” supported by ARCH.
 - TAP Project did not get renewed next year. Dave Prosser stated he was aware of some new programs that may assist TAP and wanted Annette Lewis to meet with him. Carol Tuning stated Pete may also have funding opportunities.
- **Emergency Solutions Grant – Brenda Thornton**
 - Brenda Thornton provided a Power Point presentation to those in attendance and explained the upcoming timeline for the ESG grant process.

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- February 10 will be applicant presentations and ranking.
- March 30 ESG applicants will be notified of award.
- May 30 Contracts will be sent for signatures for funding year to begin July 1, 2017.

- **Community Performance Report – Matt Crookshank**
 - Matt Crookshank distributed a report on December outcomes.
 - Red Shield Lodge has decreased to 40 beds. Participants can stay up to 6 months and must have employment within 30 days or will be discharged to other services.
 - Council of Community Services used the HUD benchmark standards as a guideline in establishing CoC goals and strategies.

- **Roanoke City Schools Homeless School Report – Malora Horn**
 - Malora Horn shared December’s statistics:
 - Since August 22 through December 21, 328 students have been identified (62 in shelters, 209 doubled up, 57 in hotels)
 - There has been an increase in number of high school students, mainly due to peer awareness.
 - Approximately 30 families have been permanently housed (includes 75 students).
 - Between Thanksgiving and mid-January, approximately 65 students have been identified.
 - **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)** is part of the **No Child Left Behind** program. Transportation will continue to be provided to homeless students so they can remain in their home school.
 - The Help the Homeless fund (Star City Council) has used \$5,000 to assist 82 students not already identified. This was an outstanding prevention measure and is bringing about more awareness.

- **Other Announcements**
 - Carilion Partnership – Carly Villarreal, social worker, stated that Carilion ER is seeing more patients who need services. Carol Tuning provided the HAT intake phone numbers for her to use. Carly is hoping to provide more information to those in need as she learns more about available community resources.
 - Debbie Brown praised the Star City Council for the fundraising done in recent months. She also complimented the compassion shown by the high school students.

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- Paula Prince reminded everyone of the PIT count on January 25. The physician assistants from Jefferson College do an outstanding job with the Street Team. They have collected coats and hats to distribute to those in need.
 - PIT count information will be reported in March.
 - The Star City Council will be presenting a basketball game and chili/potato bar on January 25, 5:30 pm at Patrick Henry High School.
 - Tracy Kochel, Blue Ridge Behavioral Health, is accepting applications for a \$25,000 housing grant for persons with mental health issues.
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- **Adjourn**

The next meeting of the BRICH will be February 10, 2017

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