



Blue Ridge Interagency Council on Homelessness

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Friday, April 14, 2017

ATTENDANCE	-	Angela Penn	P	Carol Tuning	-	John Garland	-	Pamela Hall
P = Present	-	Annette Lewis	P	Dan Merenda	-	Judy Cusumano	P	Paula Prince
- = Absent	-	Ashley Marshall	-	Dani Poe	P	Judy Hough	-	Sally Putnam
	-	Lt. Jennings Tardy	P	Dave Prosser	-	Keith Holland	-	Sherry Stull
	-	Ben Bristoll	-	David Bustamante	-	Lee Clark	-	Sheryl Walters
	-	Bill Duncan	P	Dawn Riddle	P	Leslie Leedy	-	Tamy Mann
	P	Brenda Thornton	P	Debbie Brown	-	Lisha McCargo	-	Tanyia Jones
	-	Brian Geiser	-	Felicia Prescott	P	Malora Horn	P	Tracy Kochel
	-	Bruce Phipps	P	Isabel Thornton	-	Matt Crookshank		
	P	Bryan Hill	-	Jessica Farmer	P	Monica Seiler		
	P	Carly Villarreal	-	Jim Weber	-	Nancy Reid		
GUESTS	P	Amanda Holcomb						

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

- **Approval of Meeting Notes – March, 2017**
 - Minutes from the March meeting had several changes: Dawn Riddle and Bryan Hill were in attendance. Other Business: Greene Memorial provided the pizza party to the Star City Council . . .
 - Paula Prince motioned the March minutes be approved. Those attending approved by a verbal vote.

- **BRICH Governance Charter Update – Carol Tuning**
 - The Charter Update was distributed to members via email prior to today’s meeting.
 - Page 1 (3Ae) “. . . , if appropriate” was added to end of sentence.
 - Page 2 (3Bb) CCS was listed as designated as HMIS Lead.
 - Page 3 (4A) “Thru regular strategic planning sessions, . . . “
 - Page 5 (E) “ However, only the full BRICH membership can designate a work group.” was added.
 - Page 5 (I) “The BRICH Chair shall be elected by the BRICH representatives for a term of three (3) years. The Chair may be re-elected.
 - Page 6 (7A) “SAGE system.” And “. . . APR to SAGE within . . . “ to replace old system.
 - Malora Horn motioned to accept the changes to the charter; Brenda Thornton second the motion. Those in attendance approved by a verbal vote.

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- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Update – Brenda Thornton**
 - Brenda Thornton stated it may be June before funding is finalized.
 - All agencies are on track in using this year’s funding.
- **Marketing Committee – Video Input – Dan Merenda**
 - Dan Merenda displayed a 90 second video as an example to develop ideas of what the committee would like to achieve with a marketing video.
 - It was suggested to have several videos with varying time frames to focus on different topics from those in need, how to get services, the agencies, and what we have done so far. All to bring awareness to the community through different perspectives.
 - Dave Prosser suggested using Radford College students to assist with making the video as a class project.
- **Roanoke City Schools – Homeless Student Report**
 - The Homeless Student Report was distributed to those present.
 - Students identified as homeless are 85 less for the same time period in 2016.
 - Discussion was held for improvements to the report. Some information would be easier to obtain through HMIS.
- **Pack-a-Snack Program – Debbie Brown**
 - There are seven (7) locations in Roanoke City that offer the Pack-a-Snack program.
 - Greene Memorial is supporting all locations using grant funds and would like to stretch those funds for three years. She has organized a group of youth to pack approximately 285-300 snack packs per week and volunteers to deliver to each location.
 - If anyone knows of a group that would be willing to donate money or food items, please contact Debbie Brown. She has a list of snack items needed.
- **Community Performance Report – Matt Crookshank**
 - The report was distributed in Matt’s absence.

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- **Other Business**

- Paula Prince reminded everyone that the Homeless Conference is August 7 at the Salem Civic Center.
- Need sponsors for breaks and lunch; several sessions are still available if anyone has ideas.
- Please contact Carol Tuning or Paula Prince if any questions.

- **Adjourn**

The next meeting of the BRICH will be May 12, 2017

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