

Friday, March 10, 2017

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

- **Welcome and introductions – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair**
 - Introductions by those in attendance. Welcome Lee Clark, Rescue Mission.
- **Approval of Meeting Notes – February, 2017**
 - Carol Tuning motioned the February minutes be approved; Tracy Kochel second the motion. All approved by a verbal vote.
- **2017 Point in Time Survey Results – Matt Crookshank**
 - The 2017 Annual Point in Time Report was distributed to those present.
 - Matt reviewed the highlights of the survey and noted HMIS was the primary collection tool this year.
 - This was the fifth consecutive year of a drop in homelessness; 19.3% decrease from last year.
 - The full report can be found on the Council's website:
<http://www.councilofcommunityservices.com/2017pit/>
 - Paula Prince asked if there a report could be done to show the number of homeless that were over 65 since our population is aging. Ben Bristoll will run a HMIS report for homeless over age of 62.



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- The City Manager will have a press release for the media today.
 - Paula suggested it would be interesting to determine the cost to the community for homeless trips to the ER, incarceration and police involvement with situations.
 - The visual marketing tool is still in draft form and is to remain confidential. Several suggestions were made on improvements.
 - Lee Clark suggested these statistics can be used in an info graphic on social media.
- **Roanoke City Schools – Homeless Student Report**
 - The Homeless Student Report was distributed to those present. Malora Horn commented that the report is actually through February (not January).
 - Students identified as homeless in February actually increased from 16 in 2016 to 34 in 2017.
 - When doing the survey next school year, Malora would like to start asking if the family had experienced homelessness before to give a better perspective on the numbers.
 - Malora shared a good experience she has had with a student who left school and has now returned and hoping to go to college.
 - **Community Performance Report – Matt Crookshank**
 - Matt Crookshank distributed the Community Outcomes Report on February outcomes.
 - Of the persons monitored, 96.09% remain in permanent housing.
 - The average length of stay in emergency shelter projects is 49 days, down from 70 in 2016.
 - To be a High Performing Community, the length of stay needs to be below 20 days, so we still have a way to go. Matt noted there are no communities in the United States that are considered High Performing.
 - **Panhandling – Carol Tuning**
 - Carol Tuning informed the group there have been meetings in the community regarding panhandling. The majority are not homeless.
 - Visit www.StopThePanhandling.com for more information.
 - Lee Clark said there is a need to educate the community and that a group is looking at developing a public service announcement.

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- **Other Business**

- Carol Tuning is beginning to make preparations for the conference in August but does not have an actual date yet.
- Britne Mills, Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, provided information on funding that is available for persons who suffer from substance use disorder and/or have secondary diagnosis of mental health issues.
- Star City Council provided a pizza party to the students and provided information on the difference they are making in the community. Debbie Brown has heartfelt feelings about seeing the caring and loving youth in this group.

- **Adjourn**

The next meeting of the BRICH will be April 14, 2017

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