



# Blue Ridge Interagency Council on Homelessness

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Friday, March 8, 2019

1. Welcome and introductions – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair
2. Approval of Meeting Notes – February 2019
3. Roanoke City Downtown Initiative – Lt. J. W. Tardy
4. Roanoke County Ordinance – Sleeping In Vehicles
5. Roanoke City Schools - Homeless Student Report – Malora Horn, RCPS
6. System Performance Report – Ben Bristol, CHRC
7. Other business or discussion
8. Adjourn

Save the Date: April 24, 2019 – Fair Housing Seminar – Includes afternoon session on Hoarding

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BRICH  
will be April 12, 2019**

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<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	-	Amanda Sparks	-	Carly Villarreal	-	John Garland	-	Pamela Hall
<b>P = Present</b>	-	Amy Shirkey	<b>P</b>	Carol Tuning	-	Judy Smith	<b>P</b>	Paula Prince
<b>- = Absent</b>	-	Angela Penn	<b>P</b>	Dan Merenda	-	Judy Hough	-	Sally Putnam
	-	Jo Nelson	-	Dani Poe	<b>P</b>	Keith Holland	<b>P</b>	Sherry Stull
	<b>P</b>	Lt. Jennings Tardy	-	Dave Prosser	-	Kristin Adkins	-	Sheryl Walters
	-	Ben Bristoll	-	David Bustamante	-	Lee Clark	-	Tamy Mann
	-	Bill Duncan	<b>P</b>	Dawn Riddle	<b>P</b>	Leslie Leedy	-	Tanyia Jones
	-	Brian Geiser	<b>P</b>	Debbie Brown	<b>P</b>	Malora Horn	<b>P</b>	Tracy Kochel
	-	Bruce Phipps	-	Felicia Prescott	<b>P</b>	Matt Crookshank	-	Robin Salo
	<b>P</b>	Bryan Hill	<b>P</b>	Isabel Thornton	-	Mike Patterson	-	Pete Clark
	-	Carla Wallace	-	Jim Weber	<b>P</b>	Monica Seiler	<b>P</b>	Annette Lewis
<b>GUESTS</b>	<b>P</b>	Marie Muddiman			<b>P</b>	Jeanne McCormack		

- **Welcome and Introductions – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair**
  - Introductions by those in attendance.
  
- **Approval of Meeting Notes – January 2019**
  - January meeting notes were distributed prior to today’s meeting. Those present voted to approve the January minutes.
  
- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Application Review**
  - The Conflict of Interest Forms and copies of the Executive Summary were distributed.
  - Marie Muddiman, Family Promise, provided an overview of services provided. Family Promise is requesting \$29,500 for Program Manager to provide case management.
  - Jeanne McCormack, ARCH, provided an overview of their programs. ARCH is requesting \$15,500 to provide salary for case manager and \$24,700 for shelter operations.
  - Matt Crookshank, CHRC, reviewed the three areas requesting funding: Homeless Prevention \$38,259 (21 families); Rapid Rehousing \$11,288; HMIS \$8,063 to cover data collection costs.
  - Carol Tuning noted the Roanoke City Homeless Assistance Team (HAT) has requested \$5,000 to purchase 160 weekly bus passes and to assist 97 persons with prescriptions. HAT staff are currently monitoring 60 homeless sites.

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- From those BRICH members present, four abstained from voting. The remaining members voted to accept the four applications totaling \$150,000. Paula Prince motioned if more/less funding is granted, BRICH members can be brought together to discuss changes.
- **Roanoke City Schools – Homeless Student Report – Malora Horn**
  - School year has been very busy and challenging. Roanoke City is experiencing an increase in unaccompanied youth.
  - In just the past week, there have been 30 new students identified as homeless.
  - As of January 31, 534 students have been identified as homeless.

- **System Performance Report – Matt Crookshank**

Matt distributed the January performance report that provided the following information:

	<u>YTD 2018</u>	<u>YTD 2019</u>
Avg length of stay (January)	34 days	35 days
Total Sheltered Homeless Persons	1,072	1,198
First-Time Homelessness Persons who entered ES, SH, or TH during the period	779	978
Persons who exited to permanent housing destinations	645	813

- **Other Business**

- CoC annual Symposium is scheduled for August 6 at Greene Memorial UMC. Anyone who wants to be on the planning committee, please see Carol Tuning. One keynote speaker has been chosen; they need ideas for other breakout sessions.
- We have received word that HUD CoC applications were funded for all renewal projects, plus one new project. HUD CoC Planning funds were also awarded.
- Section 8 registration was opened this past week. Homeless and sheltered persons (approximately 108) were registered.
- Bryan Hill reported that the Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission website, BRICH 10-year Plan, is number 3 most-visited page with over 3100 views. Other communities are looking at the work our CoC is doing and using it as a model.
- Paula Prince noted that many of the goals in the 10-year plan have been reached, and we should be very proud of the work done.

- **Adjourn - The next meeting of the BRICH will be March 8, 2019.**

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## Community Outcomes Report

### Blue Ridge Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness – March 8, 2019

#### System Performance Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

	February 2019 Count (Persons)	February 2019 Average LOT	February 2019 Median LOT
Persons in Emergency Shelter	528	71 days	43 days

	February 2018 Count (Persons)	February 2018 Average LOT	February 2018 Median LOT
Persons in Emergency Shelter	410	25 days	17 days

	YTD FY 2019 Count (Persons)	YTD FY 2019 Average LOT	YTD FY 2019 Median LOT
Persons in Emergency Shelter	1,240	53 days	24 days

	YTD FY 2018 Count (Persons)	YTD FY 2018 Average LOT	YTD FY 2018 Median LOT
Persons in Emergency Shelter	727	33 days	19 days

(Source: ART Report 700)

**HPC Standard:** *Mean length of homelessness.* Either the mean length of episode of homelessness within the Continuum's geographic area is fewer than 20 days, or the mean length of episodes of homelessness for individuals or families in similar circumstances was reduced by at least 10 percent from the preceding federal fiscal year.

#### System Performance Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Permanent Housing

YTD FY 2019			
	Total Number of Persons who Exited to Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Number of Returns in 2 Years	Percentage of Returns in 2 Years
Totals from all SO, ES and PH Projects	806	187	23.20%

YTD FY 2018			
	Total Number of Persons who Exited to Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Number of Returns in 2 Years	Percentage of Returns in 2 Years
Totals from all SO, ES and PH Projects	632	125	19.78%

(Source: ART Report 701)

**HPC Standard:** *Reduced recidivism.* Of individuals and families who leave homelessness, less than 5 percent become homeless again at any time within the next 2 years; or the percentage of individuals and families in similar circumstances who become homeless again within 2 years after leaving homelessness was decreased by at least 20 percent from the preceding federal fiscal year.

### System Performance Measure 3: Change in Annual Counts

	YTD FY 2018	YTD FY 2019	Difference
<b>Unduplicated Total Sheltered Homeless Persons</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>+128 (10.3%)</b>
Emergency Shelter	1,243	1,371	+128
Safe Haven	0	0	0
Transitional Housing	0	0	0

(Source: ART Report 702)

### System Performance Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for CoC Funded Projects

#### *Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers*

	YTD FY 2018	YTD FY 2019	Difference
Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	7	2	-5
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	4	0	-4
Percentage of adults who increased total income	57.14%	0	

(Source: ART Report 703 – metric only pulls in income increases for participants in SH, TH, PH-RRH and PH-PSH project types that are CoC-funded)

### System Performance Measure 5: Number of Persons First Time Homeless

	YTD FY 2018	YTD FY 2019	Difference
Persons with entries into ES, SH, or TH during the reporting period	1,212	1,333	+121 (+10.0%)
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, or TH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	571	644	+73 (12.8%)
Of the persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, or TH in the previous 24 months. (Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	641	689	+48 (+7.5%)

(Source: ART Report 704)

**System Performance Measure 7: Permanent Housing Placement and Retention**

	<b>YTD FY 2018</b>	<b>YTD FY 2019</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Persons in ES, SH, TH and RRH who exited	562	927	+365 (+64.95%)
Exited to permanent housing destinations	126	143	+17 (+13.50%)
Percentage of successful exits/retention	22.42%	15.43%	

(Source: ART Report 706)