



Blue Ridge Interagency Council on Homelessness

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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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