



Blue Ridge Interagency Council on Homelessness

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Friday, March 13, 2020

1. Welcome and introductions – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair
2. Approval of Meeting Notes – February 2019
3. Legislation and the Housing Trust Fund – Randy Moore, Virginia Housing Alliance
4. ESG Funding Discussion – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair and Keith Holland, City of Roanoke
5. Roanoke City Schools Homeless Students Report – Malora Horn, RCPS
6. System Performance Report – Ben Bristoll, CHRC
7. Other Business
 - PIT Data Update
 - VHSP Application
8. Adjourn

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BRICH will be
April 10, 2020**

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Friday, February 14, 2020

ATTENDANCE	-	Amanda Sparks	P	Anne Marie Green	P	Joyce Earl	-	Kathleen Guilliams
P = Present	-	Angela Penn	-	Dani Poe	-	Jo Nelson	-	Jaime/Russell Clay
- = Absent	P	Annette Lewis	P	Dave Prosser	-	Judy Smith	-	Pamela Hall
	P	Lt. Pulley	-	David Bustamante	P	Judy Hough	-	Paula Prince
	P	Ben Bristol	-	Dawn Riddle	P	Keith Holland	-	Sally Putnam
	P	Bill Duncan	-	Debbie Brown	P	Kristin Adkins	P	Sherry Stull
	-	Brian Geiser	-	Felicia Prescott	-	Leah Gibson	-	Sheryl Walters
	-	Bruce Phipps	P	Hope Browning	-	Lee Clark	-	Tanyia Jones
	P	Bryan Hill	P	Isabel Thornton	P	Leslie Leedy	-	Jensen Mellnick
	-	Carla Wallace	-	Jim Weber	P	Malora Horn		
	-	Chelsea Pardue	-	John Garland	P	Matt Crookshank		
GUESTS	P	Becca Sisson, Rescue Mission						

- **Welcome and Introductions – Matt Crookshank**

- Introductions by those in attendance. Minutes from the CoC meeting were distributed in the agenda packet.

- **Approval of Meeting Notes – January 2020**

- January meeting notes were distributed.

- **ESG Presentations**

- Marie Muddiman made the presentation for Family Promise of Roanoke which requested \$29,500 in ESG funding. Last year, Family Promise served 26 families. By the end of the year, 25 families left the program and 22 families moved into permanent housing.
- Jeannie McCormack made the presentation for ARCH which requested \$40,200 in ESG funding for two of its programs. Trust House provides weekly case management and assessments for shelter guests. New Beginnings provides housing stability case management after clients are housed.
- Hope Browning made the presentation for Community Housing Resource Center which requested \$73,300 in ESG funding. CHRC will provide homeless prevention services for approximately 21 families. Rapid rehousing programs will assist approximately 5 families. HMIS funds will be used to cover software maintenance and shared hosting services for 72 users.

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- Matt Crookshank made the presentation for City of Roanoke-Homeless Assistance Team which requested \$5,000 in ESG funding. These funds will be used to provide outreach services to unsheltered persons by meeting their basic needs.
- United Way Safety Net funds have been reduced from \$89,000 to \$15,000 over the past several years. Those funds were spread among six partner agencies to assist clients.
- Roanoke City does not keep a portion of ESG funds for administrative costs. All funds go to the community.
- Keith Holland anticipates having the actual amount of ESG funds in March. He estimates it will be at least \$148,000.
- Annette Lewis motioned that funding be discussed in March when we know the actual amount available; Bryan Hill second the motion. Those present voted to approve.
- **Roanoke City Schools – Homeless Student Report – Malora Horn**
 - Malora Horn reviewed the January report. She noted 366 “Doubled Up” students is a large number even though other numbers are down slightly from the same period last year.
 - In January, 38 youth were identified as homeless. The total for the 2019-2020 school year is 474 students identified. (Shelter – 59, Doubled Up – 366, Hotel – 49)
 - Malora introduced Kristin Gibson, Outreach Specialist, who will attend meetings when Malora is unavailable.
 - Help the Homeless funds have helped create 15 Welcome Home Totes for families who have been housed. It also helped provide Kroger gift cards for families at Christmas.
- **Other Business**
 - HUD funding for PSH projects will see a 4% increase due to fair market rent determination increases. All Tier 1 funding requests for the CoC have been approved. Tier 2 awards have not been announced.
 - Next month, there will be a speaker from Virginia Housing Alliance to review the Housing Trust funds and other funding opportunities.
 - On February 28, there will be a meeting at the Taubman Museum for Human Services’ executives to share information on problems that they are facing (minimum wage increase, how to increase access to the arts).
 - There are five one-bedroom apartments available on the Briarcliff side of Scott Hill Retirement Community. Referrals are being accepted.
- **Adjourn - The next meeting of the BRICH will be March 13, 2020.**

2020-21 ESG Applications for HUD Funding

Executive Summary

Agency: ARCH

Services: *Shelter Operations and Rapid Rehousing*

- **FY 2021 Request - \$40,200**
 - \$15,500 Rapid Rehousing – Funding will be used for salary of full-time case manager including taxes and benefits.
 - \$24,700 Shelter Operations – Funding will be used for shelter operations including utility costs, food for clients, shelter supplies, repair costs, and commercial insurance costs.
- Past Performance (1920) – \$ 40,200 -All funds used.

Agency: City of Roanoke-Homeless Assistance Team

Services: *Street Outreach*

- **FY 1920 Request - \$5,000**
 - Funding will be used to purchase approx. 200 weekly bus passes, 800 single bus passes, and approx. \$3,000 utilized to purchase food and outreach supplies such as book bags, sleeping bags, and blankets.
- Past Performance (1920) – \$ 5,000 -All funds used.

Agency: Council of Community Services

Services: *Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, & Data Collection (HMIS)*

- **FY 2021 Request - \$73,300**
 - \$49,012 Homelessness Prevention- ESG Direct Assistance to clients – 21 families with assistance of approx. \$1,750 to each family. \$12,253 – Staffing cost for one Director and one Housing Coordinator.
 - \$16,225 - ESG Direct Assistance to clients (Rapid Rehousing) – 5 homeless families assisted with approx. \$2,257 to each family. \$4,937 – Staffing cost for one Housing Coordinator.
 - \$8,063 - HMIS data collection to cover software maintenance, enhancements, customer support, shared hosting services, and bandwidth fees.
- Past Performance (1920) – \$66,225 - All funds used.

Agency: Family Promise of Greater Roanoke

Service: *Shelter Operations*

- **FY 2021 Request - \$29,500**
 - \$29,500 – Shelter Operations for families with children. These funds will be used for the salary of Program Manager to provide case management and program implementation.
 - Past Performance (1920) – \$ 29,500 - All funds used.

2020-2021 TOTAL ESG FUNDS REQUESTED: \$148,000

2020-21 ESG Rating Review

Reviewer: _____ Proposal: ARCH: Shelter Operations

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ROANOKE CITY SCHOOLS
HOMELESS STUDENT REPORT

For: February Report

Submitted: March 13, 2020

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February 2020= 32 *School started August 20, 2019*
Total for the 2019-20 SY
Students Identified: 506
Shelter- 64
Doubled-Up- 390
Hotel- 52
Grades:
Pre-K-5= 316
6-8= 90
9-12= 100

Submitted/Reported by Malora Horn, Homeless Student Program Coordinator