



Blue Ridge Interagency Council on Homelessness

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Friday, April 14, 2023

1. Welcome and Introductions – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair
2. Approval of Meeting Notes – March 2023
3. New PSH Recipient Recommendation – Matt Crookshank, City of Roanoke
4. Update on PSH Operations – Brian Burnette, Council of Community Services
5. Capacity-building Grant Opportunity – Matt Crookshank, City of Roanoke
6. Coordinated Entry Refinement – Alison Jorgensen, Council of Community Services
7. FY 2022 HUD CoC Award Announcements – Matt Crookshank, City of Roanoke
8. HOME-ARP – Hope Browning, City of Roanoke
9. Community Outcomes Report – Brian Burnette, Council of Community Services
10. Homeless Students Report – Malora Horn, Roanoke City Public Schools
11. Announcements
12. Adjourn

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BRICH will be
May 12, 2023**

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Friday, March 10, 2023

ATTENDANCE	-	Amanda Sparks	-	Dave Prosser	-	Judy Smith	-	Captain Russell Clay
P = Present	-	Angela Penn	-	David Bustamante	-	Judy Hough	-	Captain Jamie Clay
- = Absent	P	Anne Marie Green	-	Dawn Riddle	-	Kathleen Williams	P	Paula Prince
	-	Annette Lewis	-	Debbie Brown	P	Keith Holland	-	Sally Putnam
	-	Sgt Martin	-	Felicia Prescott	-	Kristin Adkins	-	Sherry Stull
	-	Bill Duncan	P	Hope Browning	P	Lee Clark	P	Stacy Shepherd
	-	Brian Geiser	-	Helen Ferguson	P	Leslie Leedy	P	Steve Martin
	P	Bryan Hill	-	Jeffery Doyle	-	Loretta Freeman	P	Sue Goad
	-	Chelsea Pardue	-	John Garland	-	Malora Horn	P	Tanyia Jones
	-	Dani Poe	-	Joyce Earl	P	Matt Crookshank	P	Toni McLawhorn
			-	Jo Nelson	-	Ashleigh Bowman	P	Melissa Woodson
GUESTS	P	Alison Jorgensen, Council of Community Serv			P	Brian Burnette, Director CHRC		
	P	Joe Cobb, Roanoke City Council			P	Emily Jewett, Legal Aid		
	P	Mathew Wasikewitz, Va Department of Health			P	Chris Chittum, City of Roanoke		

- Welcome and Introductions – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair**
 - Paula opened the meeting at 9:00 am. The agenda and February minutes were distributed to BRICH members prior to meeting.
 - Anne Marie Green motioned BRICH approve the minutes as written; Toni McLawhorn second the motion. Those members present approved.
- PSH Update – Matt Crookshank, Brian Burnette**
 - Overall, there are 27 PSH participants in the program with 3 in the eviction process.
 - There are a few challenging clients that staff are trying to accommodate their needs.
 - Some landlords are choosing not to renew leases. If possible, the two vacant slots can be renovated and used for housing.
 - Any damages done before February 1 are the responsibility of ARCH. ARCH has been drawing down more than the one month’s rent that is allowable for damages. Roughly \$800 is the allotment for a one-bedroom apartment. Brian stated repairs are taking more time than anticipated.
 - Once the new PSH recipient takes over the programs, better oversight should keep damages to a minimum.
 - The Utility Overage costs have gone up due to utility increases.

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- The RFP resulted in two applications from organizations: Project Support and Commonwealth Catholic Charities.
- The BRICH Funding Committee will meet and score the two applications. A recommendation will be made to the full BRICH at the next meeting.

- **ESG Funding – Keith Holland**
 - Keith distributed and reviewed a handout showing the ESG project ranking and funding recommendations. Carryover funds 2022 have allowed for increased spending this year.
 - There was a decline in funding for 2023 due to lack of carryover funds. There was a 15.9% overall decrease in HUD funding.
 - City of Roanoke – ESG Administration \$11,987
Council of Community Services RRH \$26,000
Family Promise Shelter \$44,880
Council of Community Services HMIS \$20,157
Council of Community Services Prevention \$56,800
 - BRICH needs to make presentations to various localities in the region and try to get funding support and regular attendance at BRICH meetings.
 - Paula Prince motioned BRICH approve the ESG 2023 funding recommendations and proceed with sending the proposal to City Manager and City Council for approval. Bryan Hill second the motion. Anne Marie Green abstained from the vote. Those BRICH members in attendance voted to approve.

- **Capacity Building Opportunities – Paula Prince, Matt Crookshank**
 - BRICH’s responsibility is to oversee and support the Continuum of Care. We need to look at how we do business and maintain a flexible structure to be prepared for a crisis. COVID taught us that we were not prepared for a pandemic, nor the fallout years afterward.
 - It may be possible to use CDBG funds for capacity building and find other resources for technical assistance and consulting. Virginia Housing has a capacity building process with consultants to work through strategic planning and governance structures.
 - It was suggested to approach the 5 localities BRICH serves to contribute \$5,000 each to support capacity building and make them part of the solution.
 - Keith Holland motioned BRICH apply to Virginia Housing to begin the capacity building process. Bryan Hill second the motion. Those in attendance approved.

- **RAM House Facility – Melissa Woodson**
 - Melissa Woodson shared the concerns RAM House has with trying to locate a new building that can serve their needs and be accessible to patrons. She has been looking at various options and talking with a realtor. Any contacts you may have, refer to Melissa at RAM.

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- **Community Outcomes Report – Brian Burnette**
 - The February report was distributed with the agenda prior to discussion.
 - In February, there were 428 persons in emergency shelter compared to 169 February 2022.
 - Returns to Homelessness is down to 20% is a good indicator the work done to stabilize residents is working.
 - In the data transfer to Clarity, there were many open files that needed to be cleaned up. There will always be issues that need to be addressed as the system grows. One hurdle is the need for additional HMIS staff so other aspects of Clarity can be explored.
 - Due to lack of discussion time, questions can be referred to Brian Burnette.
- **Homeless Students Report**
 - The Homeless Students Report for February was distributed with the agenda.
 - In February, there were 46 students identified as homeless which brings the total for FY2022-2023 school year to 527 (293 families).
- **Announcements**
 - The RRHN Symposium, “The War on Housing”, will be May 10 at the Vinton War Memorial. Registration will open soon. Refer to CCS Facebook page for more details.
 - Mark your calendar April 19 is the Day of Giving for the Roanoke area. Peer-to-Peer fundraising has averaged 72% more in donations.
- **Adjourn - The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BRICH will be April 14, 2023.**

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State**CoC Name**

Project Name	Program	Awarded Amount
Legacy PSH FY22	CoC	\$548,234
Next Step Permanent Supportive Housing	CoC	\$103,832
Regional Housing Crisis Hotline Coordinated Assessment FY22	CoC	\$147,673
Shelter Plus Care FY22	CoC	\$595,774

VA-501 Total :	\$3,966,113
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VA-502 - Roanoke City & County, Salem CoC

City of Roanoke Homeless Assistance Team	CoC	\$140,422
CoC Planning Project	CoC	\$62,208
Coordinated Assessment System	CoC	\$49,070
Healing Haven	CoC	\$432,821
Heroes Haven	CoC	\$73,944
HMIS 2023-2024	CoC	\$129,060
Trust House Case Management	CoC	\$56,476

VA-502 Total :	\$944,001
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VA-503 - Virginia Beach CoC

CAMG 34 FY2022	CoC	\$416,746
CHAP Va Beach Expansion Renewal FY22	CoC	\$209,285
CoC Planning Grant	CoC	\$53,169
FY2022 VB HMIS Project	CoC	\$62,721
JCOC Affordable Housing FY2022	CoC	\$61,888
New Haven	CoC	\$13,173
Rapid Re-Housing 1 Consolidated	CoC	\$149,735
Rapid Re-Housing 3	CoC	\$296,648
Rapid Re-Housing 5 for DV	CoC	\$245,000
Rapid Re-Housing 5 for DV Expansion	CoC	\$160,922
Renewed Hope	CoC	\$134,162