



Blue Ridge Interagency Council on Homelessness

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Friday, January 10, 2020

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

- Welcome and Introductions – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair**
 - Introductions by those in attendance. Minutes from the CoC meeting were distributed with the agenda packet.
- Approval of Meeting Notes – November 2019**
 - November meeting notes were distributed and there were no changes noted. Paula Prince motioned to approve the November 2019 minutes. Those present voted unanimously to approve.
- Update from the Salvation Army – Captain Russell Clay, Salvation Army**
 - The Turning Point is looking for a new director; Jamie Clay will temporarily be managing the operations.
 - Turning Point currently has 6 adults and 10 children staying at the shelter.
 - A three-bedroom home provides residence for graduates of the Pathways of Hope program. Female participants are required to be a single parent who are in a domestic violence situation and have children.
 - Pathways of Hope will work with the family to transition them back into the community and see that they get needed services. While in the program, the family must demonstrate their ability to save money towards their goals and become self-sufficient.

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- **Referrals to 2-1-1 from City Signage – Paula Prince, BRICH Chair**
 - Rob Morrow, Director of 2-1-1 VIRGINIA, provided a report on the calls received regarding the new Roanoke City 2-1-1 VIRGINIA signs. The report was shared with those present.
 - A hard copy of the report will be distributed with the meeting notes.
 - Drivers who pass the signs may have other needs and still call 2-1-1 VIRGINIA for information. The signs are getting noticed.
 - Matt Crookshank stated that “panhandling” for income is not currently on the PIT survey.
- **Roanoke City Schools – Homeless Student Report – Malora Horn**
 - There was no report available.
- **System Performance Report – Ben Bristoll**
The December performance report was distributed.

	<u>YTD 2019</u>	<u>YTD 2020</u>
Avg length of stay	56 days	56 days
Total Sheltered Homeless Persons	921	808
First-Time Homelessness Persons who entered ES, SH, or TH during the period	948	824
Persons who exited program(s) Exited to Permanent Housing	697 91	630 72
Persons prevented from becoming Homeless through financial assistance	438	483
Persons placed in permanent housing Through Rapid Rehousing programs	131	117
Persons provided permanent Supportive housing services	215	190
Single-Day count of homeless school- Aged children	Dec 31 25	Dec 31 17

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- **Winter PIT – January 22, 2020**
 - Radford/Carilion Physician Assistant students will be assisting the street teams.
- **Other Business**
 - Tanyia Jones hopes to receive five new HUD-VASH vouchers very soon.
 - Ben Bristoll noted that new HUD assessment changes will be added to our current process beginning February 1. One change is on dietary needs of clients.
 - All BRICH members should plan on attending the February 14th meeting. ESG grant applications will be reviewed at that meeting, with funding recommendations needed to be provided to Roanoke City by March 9.
 - Tanyia Jones asked if anyone monitors the mortality rate of the homeless. Discussion was held on ways to count the homeless persons who die during the year. HMIS has an option under EXIT DESTINATION to mark “Deceased” as “Reason for Leaving” the project. Ben will research to determine report options.
- **Adjourn - The next meeting of the BRICH will be February 14, 2020.**

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