



# Blue Ridge Continuum of Care

## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>P</b>	Aaron Fallon	-	Jo Nelson	<b>P</b>	Matt Crookshank
<b>P = Present</b>	<b>P</b>	Aaron Dowdy	-	Karen Mason	-	Marie Muddiman
<b>- = Absent</b>	<b>P</b>	Ben Bristol	-	Karen Michalski-Karney	-	Captain Monica Seiler
	<b>P</b>	Carol Tuning	<b>P</b>	Kelli Mundy	-	Patrick Critzer
	-	Cheryl Likens	<b>P</b>	Kathleen Beverage	-	Shannon Bardales
	-	Chris Campbell	<b>P</b>	Kim Gembala	<b>P</b>	Sherrie Morton
	<b>P</b>	Dan Merenda	<b>P</b>	Kristen Moses	<b>P</b>	Tanyia Jones
	-	Debbie Sawyer	<b>P</b>	Leslie Leedy	-	Tracy Kochel
	-	Emily Jewett	-	Lisha McCargo	<b>P</b>	Susan Trout
	<b>P</b>	Jeanne McCormack	<b>P</b>	Amy Shirkey	-	Sandy Peggins
	<b>P</b>	Keith Holland	<b>P</b>	Heather Hamed-Moore		
<b>GUESTS</b>						

- **Welcome and introductions – Carol Tuning, CoC Chair**
  - Carol Tuning began the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with introductions by those in attendance.
  
- **Grant Applications Update – Dan Merenda**
  - Carol Tuning stated the VHSP application for approximately \$850,000 was submitted at the end of March. Included in the application was funding for coordinated entry, planning and a SOAR Outreach Worker through the City of Roanoke; shelter operation funds for Safe Home Systems and ARCH Services; homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, HMIS and HOPWA funding through the CHRC.
  - Carol Tuning received notice of award from The Foundation for Roanoke Valley for \$6,000 for Central Intake Utility Assistance.
  - Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) grant application was submitted for the 8-month Planning Phase (\$215,000). This grant will mobilize youth service agencies to provide services that are needed in the CoC area. A minimum award of \$1 million would be available to implement youth-specific projects designed through the planning phase.
  - A panel of youth service agencies met to map the services currently provided and list services that they feel are needed. A copy of the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care Youth Systems Map was distributed to those present, and Dan Merenda explained each area of service.
  - The grant requires a Youth Homelessness Action Board be forms and provides a stipend to encourage youth participation.
  - Although the YHDP grant is only for two years, if we are successful, HUD renewal funding for projects implemented through the YHDP process will be available through the HUD CoC funding process.
  - TAP is requesting Letters of Support for Training2Work program for ex-offenders and Young Adult Life Enhancement (YALE) program for 18-24 year olds which targets employment training



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for justice-involved youth.

- **CoC Action**

- Dan Merenda motioned the Youth Homelessness Action Board be a subcommittee of the CoC. Tanyia Jones seconded the motion. Those members present voted unanimously to approve.
- Tanyia Jones motioned the CoC approve two Letters of Support for TAP (Training2Work and YALE) so they can move forward with their applications. Jeanne McCormack seconded the motion. Those members present voted unanimously to approve. Carol Tuning provided the Letters of Support.

- **CoC Spending Plan/System Performance Reports**

- Matt Crookshank reviewed the spending report from the visual display. All agencies are on-target with spending.
- Matt distributed copies of the March Community Outcomes Report. The metrics align with HUD System Performance Measures so the CoC can track our performance throughout the year.
- March was the first month Rescue Mission data was included in Metric 3 which lowered the performance percentage. The Rescue Mission reports will be monitored by CHRC to ensure reports are accurate.
- Now that shelter data is in HMIS, the Data Quality Committee will do a Summer PIT count (minus the survey) so data can be compared to January.

- **BNL Committee Updates – Susan Trout**

- Veterans – 30 active, 3 new, 5 inactive, 3 housed
- Chronic – 22 active, 2 new, 1 inactive
- Family – 23 active, 10 housed, 15 new
- Youth – 14 active, 2 new, 1 chronic, 2 inactive
- There are 223 on the waiting list for HUD Housing Choice Vouchers through the Housing Authority.
- Public housing applications are available on the Housing Authority website for Landsdown, Lincoln Terrace, Hackley Apartments.

- **Other Announcements**

- Annual CoC Homelessness Symposium will be held on August 21 at Greene Memorial. Looking for CoC volunteers to assist with planning. Carol Tuning asked for areas of interest: transportation, data/reporting, youth homelessness, mental health, cultural competency, motivation were suggested.
- National Alliance to End Homelessness Annual Conference is July 22-25 in Washington, DC.
- Housing Virginia's Most Vulnerable is June 13-14 in Richmond.



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- HELPS Meeting is Thursday, April 26. Guest Speaker (Matt Miller, US Attorney's Office) Topic: Sexual Harassment in Housing
- Bridges-out-of-Poverty, May 10, at St. John's Episcopal. Cost is \$12 for lunch.
- Tanyia Jones said the event to raise bicycles to get Veterans to work was successful and they received 35 which will be distributed at the VA2K Walk.
- VA2k Walk will be held May 16<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at the VA Hospital.

**The next meeting of the CoC will be May 15, 2018  
at the Council of Community Services**