



Blue Ridge Continuum of Care

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

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| ATTENDANCE | P | Aaron Fallon | - | Jo Nelson | P | Matt Crookshank |
| P = Present | P | Aaron Dowdy | - | Karen Mason | P | Marie Muddiman |
| - = Absent | P | Ben Bristol | - | Karen Michalski-Karney | P | Captain Monica Seiler |
| | | - Carol Tuning | P | Kelli Mundy | - | Patrick Critzer |
| | | - Cheryl Likens | P | Kathleen Beverage | - | Shannon Bardales |
| | | - Chris Campbell | - | Kim Gembala | - | Sherrie Morton |
| | P | Dan Merenda | P | Kristen Moses | P | Tanyia Jones |
| | - | Debbie Sawyer | P | Leslie Leedy | - | Tracy Kochel |
| | - | Emily Jewett | - | Lisha McCargo | P | Susan Trout |
| | P | Jeanne McCormack | - | Amy Shirkey | - | Sandy Peggins |
| | - | Keith Holland | - | Heather Hamed-Moore | P | Cheyenne Caldwell |
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| GUESTS | | | | | | |
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- **Welcome and introductions – Carol Tuning, CoC Chair**
 - Marie Muddiman began the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with introductions by those in attendance.
- **Grant Applications Update – Mainstream Vouchers – Kathy Beveridge**
 - RRHA is applying for Mainstream Voucher Program that is due June 18. They are requesting 91 vouchers for ages 18-61 (non-elderly) and disabled or has a disabled family member.
 - Dan Merenda would like to develop a matrix showing the different vouchers, categories available, and contact information. Kathy Beveridge can provide Dan with information from RRHA.
- **CoC Action – Letter of Support**
 - Dan Merenda motioned the CoC provide a Letter of Support for the Mainstream Voucher Program. Monica Seiler second the motion. Those present voted unanimously to approve.
- **CoC System Performance Reports**
 - Matt Crookshank distributed copies of the April Community Outcomes Report. The metrics align with HUD System Performance Measures so the CoC can track our performance throughout the year.
 - The April length of stay in a shelter averaged 41 days. The calendar year-to-date average is 32 days.
 - The percentage of persons who remained in permanent housing was 100% for April.



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- **BNL Committee Updates – Susan Trout**
 - Veterans – 29 active, 17 housed in April
 - Chronic – 35 active, 4 housed, 6 inactive in April
 - Family – 17 active
 - Youth – 13 active
- **Other Announcements**
 - In Salem, there were signs installed in medians for solicitors (panhandlers) with a phone number (ARCH) if they need assistance. ARCH was working in conjunction with the Salem Police Department.
 - National Alliance to End Homelessness Annual Conference is July 23-25 in Washington, DC.
 - Housing Virginia’s Most Vulnerable Conference is June 13-14 in Richmond.
 - Annual CoC Homelessness Symposium is scheduled for August 7 at Greene Memorial United Methodist Church.
 - Roanoke City Police have started an outreach initiative, working with Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, to make sure unsheltered homeless persons know of available resources.
 - Red Shield Lodge closed with three (3) residents—one stays in car, one went to Rescue Mission, one unknown.
 - Phase I renovations to Turning Point are complete and it has created a very pleasant atmosphere.
 - The Salvation Army’s New Day Center for youth is still scheduled to open June 1, 2018.

**The next meeting of the CoC will be June 19, 2018
at the Council of Community Services**