



Blue Ridge Continuum of Care

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

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

- **Welcome and introductions – Carol Tuning, CoC Chair**

- Carol Tuning began the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with introductions by those in attendance.
- The overall scoring on the CoC application was 172.25 out of 200 points. The highest score in the country was 190.75. The lowest score was 57.75 and the weighted median was 159.75. All renewal applications were funded. The award announcement should be here in July.

- **CoC Operating Guidelines**

- The CoC Operating Guidelines are reviewed each year. Changes for this year are highlighted in the distributed copy. The guidelines will be voted on in the July meeting.
- Carol Tuning volunteered to be CoC Chair for the new year.
- Jeanne McCormack offered to be the CoC Vice Chair. Carol Tuning will confirm that Marie Muddiman does not want to continue as Vice Chair.
- It was recommended the Executive Committee make suggestions on the Standing Committees that need to be in place for the new year.
- All suggestions and feedback are due to Carol Tuning by July 10.

- **Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures**

- There are three additions to the Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures: Grievance Process (page 12) and the Appeal Form; Homeless Services Flowchart; the definition of Chronic Homelessness (page 8).
- Any changes should be to Carol Tuning by July 10 so it can be voted on in July.
- The revised policy will be posted on the website in the next few weeks. A link will be sent to everyone when it is available.



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- **Strategic Planning Discussion – Review and Update Goals**
 - There will be at-length discussions on youth homelessness during the Strategic Planning session.
 - The tentative date will be most likely in September-October.
- **CoC System Performance Reports – Matt Crookshank**
 - Matt revised the report layout to reflect the standards communities have to meet to be designated as a high performing community.
 - There are month-to-month, YTD and average comparisons listed. Matt will continue to work on reporting other performance measures in this format.
- **BNL Committee Updates – Susan Trout/Marie Muddiman**
 - Veterans – 25 active, 4 housed in May, Chronic Vets – 9 active
 - Chronic – 23 active, 0 housed, 0 inactive
 - Family – 16 active, total of 57 housed in 2018
 - Youth – 17 active, 6 need to be added to list, 1 inactive, 2 housed in May
 - Many CoC's are experiencing an increase in numbers also.
 - Family Promise noted their increases are due to drug use and serious mental health issues. People are not being approved for mental health services like in the past, including unable to get medications.
 - Rescue Mission is experiencing an increase in homeless sex offenders.
- **Partner Agency Announcements**
 - Roanoke City has a part-time position open for Central Intake.
 - Substance Abuse Program at VA.
 - Rescue Mission has an opening for a mental health case manager at the Women's shelter.
 - Kristin Moses is looking for an individual with Early Childhood experience.
 - Turning Point is looking for a 3rd shift Housing Monitor.
- **Other Announcements**
 - Summer PIT Count is scheduled for July 19 for sheltered and unsheltered individuals. The PIT count will give us a comparison between summer and winter data.
 - "Love SE Festival" will be held July 28 at Jackson Park, provided by the SE Christian Partnership.
 - The Rescue Mission will be celebrating 70 years of service to the community. There will be a lunch at Hotel Roanoke on July 25. Invitations will be out soon.
 - Housing Symposium, August 7 at Greene Memorial who is donating the space plus break,



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breakfast and lunch items.

- Speaker - Jeff Olivett, Center for Social Innovation, will speak on racial disparities in the homeless system.
- Ron Leggett, HUD, will also speak. Breakout Groups are:
 - Youth Homelessness - Facilitators - Joe Cobb, Malora Horn, Monica Seiler
 - Adult Homelessness – Facilitators - Alison Jorgensen, Amanda Holcomb
 - Housing in Uncertain Times – Facilitators – Chris Chittum, Matt Crookshank, Angela Penn, Ellie Rigby
 - Prevention of Sexual Harassment in Housing - Mathew Miller, US Attorney General’s Office
 - Effective Case Management – Facilitator - Jeanne McCormack
 - Lunch Speaker – Steve Hickson, Certified Cultural Competency Trainer
 - Faith Organizations – Facilitators – Katie White, Lee Clark, Debbie Brown
 - Mental Health in Jail Services Discharge Planning
 - Pam Kestner, DHCD
 - Survive and Thrive: Turning Stress into Strength, (Carilion)

**The next meeting of the CoC will be July 17, 2018
at the Council of Community Services**