



# Blue Ridge Continuum of Care

## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, May 19, 2020**

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>P</b>	Aaron Fallon	<b>P</b>	Helen Ferguson	-	Kristi Cales
<b>P = Present</b>	-	Ashley Frankie	<b>P</b>	Hope Browning	<b>P</b>	Leslie Leedy
<b>- = Absent</b>	-	Alyce Dantzler	<b>P</b>	Jeanne McCormack	-	Lisa Kemble
	-	Amanda Sparks	<b>P</b>	Jo Nelson	<b>P</b>	Matt Crookshank
	-	Anne Marie Green	-	Kim Gembala	-	Marie Muddiman
	-	Bill Duncan	-	Karen Mason	-	Malora Horn
	<b>P</b>	Ben Bristol	-	Karen Michalski-Karney	<b>P</b>	Susan Price
	-	Brittany Huffer	-	Kathleen Williams	-	Susan Trout
	<b>P</b>	Jaimie Goodman	<b>P</b>	Tasha Evans	-	Tanyia Jones
	<b>P</b>	Captain Jamie Clay	-	Jennifer Diehl	<b>P</b>	Stacy Shepherd
	<b>P</b>	Geralynn Trelue	<b>P</b>	Kym Carroll	<b>P</b>	Raquel Conn, United Way
	-	Elizabeth Pentecost	<b>P</b>	Kristin Moses	<b>P</b>	Mariam DiPasquale, FPGR
	<b>P</b>	Melissa Woodson, RAM			<b>P</b>	Amanda Holcomb, CCS
	<b>P</b>	Kristin Adkins, Samara Lott, VDH			<b>P</b>	Jeff Crooke, CCS

- **Welcome and Introductions – Matt Crookshank**

- Matt Crookshank opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. via conference call. Roll call was taken. Minutes from previous meeting on May 12, 2020 were distributed via email. There were no changes.
- Matt Crookshank participated last week in the State call with CoC Leads to discuss the funding application submitted in March for the FY2021-22 cycle. Our CoC VHSP application scored highest in the state, and everything will be funded (including a 5% increase): VHSP (\$551,689) HOPWA (\$200,000).

- **System Performance Report – Ben Bristol, CHRC**

The April performance report was distributed.

	<u>YTD 2019</u>	<u>YTD 2020</u>
Avg length of stay	75 days	120 days
Total Sheltered Homeless Persons	1545	1206
First-Time Homelessness Persons who entered ES, SH, or TH during the period	921	636
Persons who exited program(s) Exited to Permanent Housing	1257 217	1070 166
Persons prevented from becoming Homeless through financial assistance	653	632
Persons placed in permanent housing Through Rapid Rehousing programs	262	223



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	<u>YTD 2019</u>	<u>YTD 2020</u>
Persons provided permanent Supportive housing services	222	195
Single-Day count of homeless school- Aged children	April 30 23	April 30 7

The COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place mandate may affect the time it takes to get individuals housed which increases the length of stay.

- **COVID-19 Quarantine Preparation Update**

- Trust House isolation is open, but has no referrals from Carilion.
- Trust House has approximately 50 individuals in hotel rooms. Ramada Inn regular guests get disorderly in the evenings so the CoC is considering security options.
- Lunch and dinner are being delivered by the Salvation Army; breakfast items are provided in weekly food box. RAM continues to offer meals for anyone who wants food.
- Lady volunteers are assisting with food prep at Salvation Army and are very creative in providing nutritious meals. Menus are planned through June 5. The next food order will be June 1 to last through the end of June.
- Hotel funding is budgeted to June 30 but may extend longer if necessary.
- Matt Crookshank wants to proceed developing a path to housing the hotel clients. A group will start case conferencing the hotel clients to keep agencies in the know should other services be required. Ben will pull a report of hotel clients with their HMIS and financial information.
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- **Agency Updates**

- New faces on team Salvation Army! After Father's Day, several new lieutenants will arrive in Roanoke.
- BRBH continues to successfully house clients.
- TAP SSVF has 10 individuals in hotels and 74 open cases which is about three times what they normally see this time of year. Staff have been creative in getting paperwork delivered and processed. A potential positive Covid-19 client was sent to VA Hospital.
- Roanoke City Courts had 80 eviction cases on the docket and another 40 for Wednesday. TAP will focus on those veterans and others will be referred to RAM.
- Rescue Mission is working out staffing issues to resume community meal service. Their stores are reopening and staff are going back to those positions. Space is available in their quarantine area.
- Turning Point has 3 new singles who are in quarantine. There is 1 family room available.
- PIT Survey data will be shared with Dr. Dyer and he will do analysis of results.
- ARCH is still waiting for the 8 unit complex to be updated.
- Safehomes has a client to be sent to Roanoke. Helen Ferguson, Rescue Mission, would like to be contacted so they can decide on a case-by-case basis to make sure services are available.
- If anyone needs CHRC services, please contact Hope Browning.



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- United Way applications for emergency funding are posted on website.
- Kristin Adkins stated VDH is working with partner agencies with training on re-opening and staying safe.
- RAM House has an intern coming from Pennsylvania to work with Dr. Dyer and needs an affordable room to rent.
- Roanoke City Council members announced Human Services funding NOT be cut in the Roanoke City budget. TAP will also get level funding next year.

**The next conference call will be Tuesday, May 26 @ 9am.**