



# Blue Ridge Continuum of Care

## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>P</b>	Aaron Fallon	-	Helen Ferguson	<b>P</b>	Leslie Leedy	
<b>P = Present</b>	-	Alyce Dantzler	<b>P</b>	Hope Browning	-	Lisa Kemble	
<b>- = Absent</b>	<b>P</b>	Amanda Holcomb	<b>P</b>	Jeanne McCormack	<b>P</b>	Matt Crookshank	
	<b>P</b>	Anne Marie Green	<b>P</b>	Jo Nelson	<b>P</b>	Marie Muddiman	
	-	Bill Duncan	-	Kim Gembala	-	Malora Horn	
	<b>P</b>	Ben Bristoll	-	Karen Mason	<b>P</b>	Mariam DiPasquale	
	<b>P</b>	Brittany Huffer	-	Karen Michalski-Karney	<b>P</b>	Melissa Woodson	
	-	Elizabeth Pentecost	-	Kathleen Williams	-	Raquel Conn	
	<b>P</b>	Jaimie Goodman	<b>P</b>	Tasha Evans	<b>P</b>	Stacy Shepherd	
	<b>P</b>	Captain Jamie Clay	-	Jennifer Diehl	<b>P</b>	Susan Price	
	<b>P</b>	Jeff Crooke	<b>P</b>	Kym Carroll	-	Susan Trout	
	-	Geralynn Trelue	-	Kristin Moses	<b>P</b>	Tanyia Jones	
					<b>P</b>	Carissa South, 2-1-1VA	
	<b>P</b>	Kristin Adkins, VDH					

- **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 June 2, 2020 were distributed via email. There were no changes to the minutes.

- **Hotels and Transportation**

- RAM has been assisting with the afternoon pickups at the bus stop on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Friday. The process is running smoothly at this time.
- The Security quote for an onsite guard at the hotel would be \$35/hour. Currently, there are no issues and security is not needed. There are 55 clients between two hotels. Security concerns will continue to be monitored to determine if there is a need for this service.
- HMIS FEMA reports are ready to submit to DHCD. Jeanne McCormack will get current information on room assignments to Ben Bristoll for an updated report.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> was the initial date to transition from hotels; however, there is a concern of when the second wave will hit our area. At this time, the transition date will be moved out farther than originally planned.
- The HUD report for the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is missing housing move-in dates for many of our community’s housing programs. Ben Bristoll will reach out to PSH and RRH service providers to update the data to provide accurate reporting. The deadline for the HIC data submission to HUD is June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The Eviction Moratorium to stop evictions has been extended until June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Suggestions were made to reach out to landlords to stop the eviction process from going to court by negotiating rent payments, many of which are over \$1,000.
- CHRC State Prevention funds require the eviction to already been in process with the court system.



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- **Agency Updates**

- TAP has spent over half of the SSVF emergency financial assistance funds. They will be budgeting for the remaining month and a half.
- There are 11 SSVF veteran families in hotels. Several clients have bypassed living in a hotel and moved directly into housing.
- If agencies are contacted, SSVF is in the middle of a remote audit by the Veterans Administration.
- Starting June 15, TAP operations will be back on a five-day work week using CDC protocols.
- CHRC has been awarded an additional \$60k in HOPWA funds.
- Stacy Shepherd and Hope Browning have been working on a process to refer DV clients to Central Intake for utility deposits through the CHRC rapid re-housing program.
- Additional funding has been made available through Carilion to ensure Trust House is able to maintain a sanitary environment in the future by painting, removing carpets and making other modifications.
- Trust House has leased an additional 5 units in addition to the 8 currently being renovated for a total of 13 housing units for PSH clients when completed.
- The Salvation Army will reopen church services this Sunday. On June 15, operations in the administrative offices will be back to normal using CDC protocol.
- Sunday meals will be delayed getting to the hotels about 15-30 minutes due to Church reopening.
- Turning Point continues to see an increase in hot line calls; however, clients are not coming in for interviews.
- The formal quarantine process has been eliminated; however, masks are still required. During initial interviews, clients are educated on CDC protocol and safety practices of the facility.
- Turning Point is staggering use of the communal spaces to keep everyone safe.
- RAM has no plans to reopen the main dining hall because it would be difficult to control the spread of the virus.
- SafeHomes operations are back to normal. If a client is from out-of-state, they are still quarantined. There are rooms available. Hotel rooms are available if individuals need to quarantine.
- HUD-VASH vouchers are full. Referrals have been received to fill open Veteran beds at Trust House.
- The Health Department has started its new social campaign, "I've Got You Covered", to promote the use of face coverings. Agencies with social media outlets are encouraged to promote the campaign on FB sites.
- Kristin Adkins, VDH, reported local cases of COVID19 are going up since restrictions have been lifted, which is causing concern. We currently have 102 cases across our district, which includes 12 outbreaks, and 21 deaths.
- Health Department testing has focused on high-risk populations and outbreak areas. They have not been able to test a large number of asymptomatic people yet.
- WFXR.com will livestream weekly meetings by Dr. O'Dell, VDH, each Tuesday at 11 am if anyone wishes to join.
- Carissa South, 2-1-1 Outreach Specialist, encouraged all agencies to update their information so



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callers are given information for the correct service provider. She can be reached at 540/589-5536 or via email at [carissas@councilofcommunityservices.org](mailto:carissas@councilofcommunityservices.org).

**The next conference call will be Tuesday, June 16 @ 9am.**