

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date: June 17, 2024

Action Required: No action is required.

Presenter: Misty Graves, Director of Human Services, Shayla Washington, Executive Director - BRACH

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Title: **State of Homelessness**

Background

This report is to provide the City Council and the public with an update on the state of the unhoused and those facing housing insecurity, which may likely lead to homelessness in our community by the Department of Human Services and our community partners who focus on homelessness for single adults and families.

Discussion

Below, the Council and community will find information on the community partners who will present during this report and other key partners in the network. The Charlottesville Department of Human Services will also lead off the presentation and discuss their work through the Pathways fund process, providing emergency hotel access and other key programs:

BRACH - Presenter: Executive Director Shayla Washington - Website: <https://blueridgehomeless.org/>

- The Blue Ridge Area Coalition for the Homeless (BRACH, formerly TJACH) aims to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring in our community. At BRACH, they work to reduce homelessness by initiating solutions and coordinating regional resources and services. BRACH was founded in 1998 and is the lead agency for our community's HUD Continuum of Care (CoC).

The Haven - Presenter: Executive Director Anna Mendez - Website: <https://www.thehaven.org/>

- The Haven is a multi-resource day shelter and housing resource center in downtown Charlottesville. The organization provides a welcoming and safe place to anyone in need. Their day shelter services are open 365 days a year from 7 am to 5 pm (closed from 12-1 pm daily) and 7 am to 12pm Saturday and Sunday, and the organization provides access to breakfast, showers, laundry, computers, phones, storage bins, and mail for those who are unsheltered. They also provide various housing services.

Salvation Army - Presenter: Sandra Chirico, Social Services Manager - Website:
<https://charlottesville.salvationarmypotomac.org/>

- Currently led by Captains Mark and Jennifer Van Meter, the Salvation Army has provided care and compassion for those in need in Charlottesville since 1912. The Salvation Army currently has 58 emergency shelter beds year-round and partners with PACEM to provide overflow shelter during winter through its

"Warm Room" program. The Army also provides meals through their Soup Kitchen, which is open 365 days a year and serves meals several times a day (breakfast and supper Monday-Saturday, breakfast and a midday meal on Sundays, which are open to the public). The Soup Kitchen also houses a food pantry in partnership with the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank's Food Pantry Program.

Shelter for Help in Emergency (SHE)- Presenter: Sarah Ellis, Executive Director -
Website: <https://www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org/>

- The Shelter for Help in Emergency works to support and empower victims of domestic violence through a combination of residential, community-based, and outreach services. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic/intimate partner violence, please call our 24-hour hotline at (434) 293-8509.

REGION 10 PATH Team - Presenter: Cindi Richardson, PATH Liaison and Quality Data Manager- Website:
<https://regionten.org/>

- Established in 1969, Region Ten Community Services Board is part of a statewide network of 40 Community Service Boards working to provide mental health, developmental disability, and substance-use services in the local community where needed. Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness, known as PATH, is a federal, state, and local partnership that provides outreach and assistance to adults with serious mental illness who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless. PATH services include community-based outreach, mental health, substance abuse, case management, and other supportive services, as well as a limited set of housing services. Depending on the resources of the local program, PATH may provide one-time financial assistance such as payment of one month's rent to prevent eviction, assistance with the first month's rent, or a security deposit to assist an individual in obtaining housing or other related expenses.

Other key supportive programs and organizations for our unhoused community but who were unable to join the presentation tonight include:

- **Charlottesville City Schools Homeless Education Services**
- https://charlottesvilleschools.org/13623_3

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan Strategic Outcome Areas

- Economic Prosperity
- Housing
- Organizational Excellence

Community Engagement

This report is for information only and does not require community engagement.

Budgetary Impact

This report does not carry any budgetary impacts, it is for information.

Recommendation

This report does not carry any recommendations, it is for information.

Alternatives

N/A

Attachments

None