

Bedford Housing Coalition – March 25, 10 a.m. via Zoom and in-person at Bedrock Church

Attending were Denise Kennedy, Bedford County DSS; Heather Dooley, Lynchburg Area Center for Independent Living; Angela Hill, Lake Christian Ministries; Lisa Bailey, Bedford County Domestic Violence Services; Mary Zirkle, Economic Development Coordinator, Town of Bedford; Christy Lucy, Partnership for Healthy Communities; Holley Scheffel sitting in for Pam Baily, Bedford County Office of Economic Development

In agency updates, Mary shared that the Town is in talks with Habitat for a physical operations space in town. Habitat will be focused on new homes and not on rehab with a plan of two new homes per year. Lisa shared that housing continues to be extremely limited for those in the DV programs/shetler. Christy said BARC's aging and eldercare committee is in need for home maintenance resources for the elderly.

In looking for a warming shelter space for Bedford County, Denise said the Blue Ridge Church campus in New London did have a warming shelter pre-COVID that rotated between seven churches. Angela to ask Andy for the other six churches that shared weeks.

Suggested contacts for trailer repair crew of volunteers: Trevor Hoss and Sam Morgan at Susie B. Gibson

The Housing Coalition will work with Christy on developing goals and a strategic plan; and check on funding for small expenses such as mailings and joining professional groups.

Angela emailed Sarah Fuentes at Central Va. CCoC about the creation of a rural housing working group or subcommittee.

Bedford Housing Coalition would like to invite representatives from the following sectors: health care, law enforcement, business community, county and town governing officials

Bedford Housing Coalition will meet again Friday April 22 in-person after the BARC meeting with a Zoom option.