

Roundtable on Homelessness announces next meeting date

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OAKLAND — The Garrett Roundtable on Homelessness will hold its next meeting Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Garrett County Health Department conference room.

Comprised of multiple community agencies and departments, as well as concerned citizens, the group works to address the homeless needs of Garrett County through a coordinated community based effort by identifying needs and building capacity to address them. The roundtable has been serving the community

for over 15 years.

“The root cause of being homeless is often the result of complex circumstances or issues,” said Carrie DiSimone, who co-chairs the roundtable. “With no permanent homeless shelter in Garrett County, it takes a community effort to provide needed resources to shelter individuals and families and address their needs.”

In 2017, Garrett County Community Action recorded that 41 individuals needed sheltering services for being homeless. This is an increase of 36 percent over the year 2016, according to GREGAN

Crawford, GC Community Action vice president.

The Garrett Roundtable on Homelessness “envisions a community where residents of Garrett County are free from homelessness and can live in safe, stable and affordable housing.”

All interested persons are welcome to attend. For more information, call DiSimone, GC Community Action, at 301-334-9431 or roundtable co-chair Fred Polce, Core Service Agency of the Garrett County Health Department, at 301-334-7443.