

Minutes
Highland Community Collaboration Council
Bland, Bristol City, Russell, Smyth, Washington, and Wythe
Virtual Meeting due to snow
December 11, 2023 (Monday)
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Welcome and Introductions

Charles opened the meeting at 9:30 and members introduced themselves. Charles asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. There were 28 virtual members in attendance today.

- Check in: Brief introductions for all attendees.

Old Business:

- Review and approval of Draft meeting notes from the November 13, 2023, HCCC meeting. Linda motioned and Jennifer seconded the motion. All in favor. The September minutes are approved.

Guest Speakers:

- We will meet with Bland and ACCAP to speak to probationers and inmates that are present. They will ask the council questions concerning their upcoming re-entry to our area.
- Bland Correctional: David Taylor.

Assistance obtaining a vehicle? Yes, People, Inc.

Part-time work for those on disability? Yes, DARS and VEC.

Mental health and SA assistance around Galax? District 16 will send list. Mount Rogers is on the list. SA resources are also shared.

More information about People, Inc.? Chris Snipes provided information.

- Appalachian CCAP: Edward Garrett

Housing, employment and Medicaid information? Medicaid will be updated and verified prior to release. If they come in with Medicaid it will continue. Linda presents BLR information. Vinny provided information and address for VEC.

Transportation or vehicle resources, housing and employment in Wise County? Richard with DARS says Voc Rehab has a Norton office. Chriss says People, Inc. has a loan program (consumer lending) that serves Wise County. APPCAA also serves Wise County. Family Crisis Prevention information is shared.

Housing in Damascus? Have a home but it needs repairs. Chris says People, Inc. has a weatherization program.

If I live at BLR, can I work at KVAT? Yes, you are encouraged to apply now because there is a waitlist. Reinstatement fees? Chris says Virginia Cares can help. Also help with photo ID or birth certificates. Clothing for work. Housing assistance.

HOPE House question: From Abingdon, where is the closest one? Galax or Ararat.

Question about probation: VASAP is needed to get my license. Is there a place I can take VASAP while at CCAP? No. it's not available. You can take it once you are on probation. Mr. Pritchard with Sevita provided information.

New Business:

- Determine agenda for January 8, 2023, meeting. VCCW will be online on January 8th. for a virtual TEAMS meeting.

Wrap Up:

Questions/Concerns/Comments/Announcements:

Linda says Mended Women is looking for clinicians. Contact Rick Mitchell. Have 25-clients. BLR is full at 80-men. ASAC Thursday at Natural Tunnell State Part. Health Wagon has a new dental wagon. Looking to open a women's facility as a step-down from Mended Women. Working with DSS to intercept and place children at Mountain Mission while mom is at Mended Women.

Medicaid open enrollment is coming up. Can change MCO at open enrollment.

Vinny presented the success story of Karen Sheets client. BLR to employment and housing. Walk-Ons hired him \$16.50/hr. Promoted to team lead at \$17 hr. Thanks to all the partners who helped in this case.

Sub-Committee Reports

Housing Committee/ Service Integration Committee/ Grants/Finance Committee
(Matt, Emma, Andy and Linda)

Employment Committee: (Jimmy with DARS, Mike with VEC)
None

Mentoring Committee/ Substance Abuse Committee: (Ruth, Teresa, Chris, Charles)

None

Public Relations Committee: (Manuel)

None

Executive Committee: (Charles, Jennifer and Chris).

None

Board: (Linda, Charles, Matt, Jimmy, Chris and Emma)

Re-entry Updates

Local Coalition Updates

None

Next meeting – January 8, 2023: 2nd Monday

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The meeting adjourned at 10:42am.

If there is someone you would like for us to invite to a future meeting as either a guest or member, please let one of us know.

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Respectfully submitted,

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