

Minutes
Highland Community Collaboration Council
Bland, Bristol City, Russell, Smyth, Washington, and Wythe
Virtual Meeting
February 12, 2024 (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 38 virtual members in attendance today.

- Check in: Brief introductions for all attendees.

Old Business:

- Review and approval of Draft meeting notes from the January 8, 2024 HCCC meeting. Linda motioned and Jennifer seconded the motion. All in favor. The January minutes are approved.

Guest Speakers:

- Chesterfield Women's CCAP: **Miranda Reford Minter and Mark McNair**
- We will meet with Chesterfield Women's CCAP to speak to that are present. They will ask the council questions concerning their upcoming re-entry to our area. Miranda Redford provided an overview of the program. The first question is about the Mended Women program. Linda says it is a 70-bed treatment facility in Abingdon. 5-20 hours of treatment per month. Located on the transit route. A lot of support. See a lot of success come out of the program. How soon do I need to apply? Call and request an application and set up evaluation.

Any resources on the Bristol, TN side? Is there a resource to help her get her kids back? Jeff Noah's number is given. Interstate compact? Yes, it can be completed prior to release from CCAP.

BLR open for women? No. Men only. Mended Women is the female component.

Live in Rural Retreat. Anyone offer housing and transportation? Also HOPE facility in Wytheville. Second Chance Employment and HOPE information is put in the chat box. Is the cost \$750? Yes, it is \$700 entry fee. There are some resources to help. An application will be emailed.

Mikayla is from Grayson. Wait list for income-based housing is years. Will be released in July. Housing is an issue. Sober living housing may be the best bet.

While in Abingdon, heard about a My Shepherd's Farm. Do you know anything about that? Yes, it is in Rural Retreat. Linda provided the phone number. There is a Kelly and Phillip listed on the website. They did church services for the local jails.

Relocating to Tazewell area. Need help with clothing and transportation. Linda says the Southwest Virginia Works program is a good resource. Linda provided the phone number. The warmline number is also provided.

Anyone know about the MAT program? Highland Community Services. Mended Women.

The contact information for Chris Snipes is shared. He can help with anything needed or required by the employer.

How about relocating expenses? A transfer to another district. Charles describes the process of a transfer. Support, residence, etc.

Are you saying that Tazewell has job resources but no housing resources? This council does not cover Tazewell County so we are unsure what is available there. Linda provided Richard Keene's contact information with DARS. CVCA contact information is also provided by Chris.

- Highlands Community Services: Project Link. Miranda Mingle. For parents impacted by substance use. Must have a child under 18. Treatment 3...three times per week. Treatment one...could vary, individual therapy. Have grant funding that allows them to do more. Car seats, baby clothes, etc. Cammie is a substance use case manager. Has contacts at DSS, OB, etc. Work closely with District 17. Have a mother's group that meets every Thursday. Can bring kids age 2 and under. Good place to talk about being in recovery with other moms. Helps with stigma associated with use during pregnancy. Cumberland and Mount Rogers also administer the program. K.J. Holbrook is the contact for Mount Rogers.
- Eric Garrison with Atkins First Church of God is taking applications for a men's program. It is located above the gym. 6-rooms. If on benzo or opiates or alcohol must first complete a detox. Small program, only 3-men there now. No deadline or time limit. Want to help them gain employment and be self-sufficient. It will be called The Inn. It is a sober living discipleship program.

New Business:

- Determine agenda for March 11, 2024. Angel suggests we reach out to My Shepherd's Farm. We were not aware of this resource. Regina will invite them to the meeting.

Wrap Up:

Questions/Concerns/Comments/Announcements:

Hands and Feet is being gifted a church in Damascus. Trying to get ahead of children going into foster care for SUD. Parents go to Mended Women, children go to Mountain Mission. Once a stable environment is achieved, will work on transition. Recently remodeled by the McGlothlin's. Washington County has 108 kids in foster care. The majority are SUD.

Will be doing a fundraiser at the McGlothlin Center on April 7th. Linda will share information with the group.

ASAC March 8th in Galax.

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 – March 11, 2024: 2nd Monday (will be hybrid)

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The meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

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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