

Highland Community Collaboration Council
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2020
9:30am

The Highlands Community Collaboration Council had a meeting on January 13, 2020 at the Smyth County DSS conference room.

Welcome and Introductions

Chris opened the meeting at 9:30 and members introduced themselves. A sign-in sheet was passed around the room. He asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. There were 21 members in attendance today.

Review and approval of Minutes of December 9, 2019 meeting

Matt motioned and Howard seconded the motion. All in favor. The minutes are approved

Guest Speakers:

Howard Chapman with Virginia Health Foundation provided a PowerPoint presentation. The electronic version will be made available on the council website.

Andy with SaVida Health has 20-locations in response to the opioid crisis. The closest center is in Abingdon. They provide medication assisted treatment. They offer a sliding scale. They currently have 73 patients. The scale of the opioid program is high. There is illicit Suboxone in this area. They provide case management and counseling. A typical patient is seen weekly. They do toxicology tests on a regular and random basis. They take case management seriously. Special populations include co-occurring issues. They test for and treat HEP-C. They also have a harm reduction model.

Amy Compton with People, Inc. was not in attendance today.

New Business

Council Structure/Alignment

The Council moved to fill the vacant Vice Chair position. Felisha McNabb was nominated by Matt. Emma nominated Richard Keene. Matt seconded. All in favor. Kim's membership on the Public Relations Committee will be determined at the next meeting.

February 2020 Council Presentations: Suggestions?

Carla will request Mount Rogers Crisis Center. C-CAP.

Sub-Committee Reports

Re-entry Updates

Local Coalition Updates

Sub-Committee Reports:

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

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

Mentoring Committee/ Substance Abuse Committee: (Ruth, Teresa, Chris, Chuck)
None

Public Relations Committee: (Kim, Manuel)
None

Executive Committee: (Chris, Richard, Felisha and Chris).
None

Questions/Concerns/Comments/Announcements:

Linda e-mailed an announcement about a training opportunity this Saturday. Please see the e-mail flyer.

Ruth Cox has resigned from the committee. We will consider replacing her at the February meeting.

Eric Blevins will be the new Health Department representative.

A facility on the grounds of state hospital or a new facility for women is being explored.

A day reporting group is being formed. A member is requested.

The Mid Atlantic Health Resource Center is having a health summit in Charlotte. Look at the email from Howard for additional information.

Next meeting February 10, 2020. We meet the second Monday of each month.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

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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