

Highland Community Collaboration Council
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2017

The Highlands Community Collaboration Council had a meeting on April 10, 2017 in the Smyth County Office Building.

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.

Review and approval of Minutes of March 13, 2017 meeting

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

New Business

- **Angie Mucha, District III**
Angie called Matt and said she would not be able to make it to the meeting today. District III provides transportation to four of our five counties in our service area. The exception is Russell County. They sell ride coupons for 50 cents. You can purchase a roll of 250 tickets. She will be invited to attend a future meeting. The website shows the routes currently serviced. Those who are not on the route can call and request service. Some run daily and others once or twice a week. They request that you call 24-hours in advance to request transportation.
- **Matt Sackwitz: Grant update**
The draft will be distributed to all council members. We will wait until executive committee members are present before submission. This is the AEP grant. There are other opportunities being explored.
- **Suggested updates for Council's website news/events**
Manuel added the REVIVE training in Wise County on the website. Linda with Bristol Lifestyle Recovery was on the news and Tim Kayne is coming down. May 15th is the opening date to accept residents. There will be an open house. The date will be on a Friday, probably in May. Manuel asks that any event information be sent to him or Chris. Matt recommends that we add the minutes of the meetings to the website. Chris will send electronic copy of minutes to Manuel. Matt asked if anyone has set up a Facebook account for the council and link it to the website. That would be beneficial for times when the meeting is cancelled. Also good communication with the public.

Sub -Committee Reports

Housing Committee: (Matt, Emma, Andy, Linda)

Service Integration Committee: (Emma)

Employment Committee: (Jimmy with DARS)

Mentoring Committee: (Ruth) Matt says this is probably the most important committee. If this committee were strong, this would carry over to the other committees. Ruth has a standard mentoring curriculum. Matt volunteered to be an instructor for this class. If someone comes out of prison, they may need someone to guide them in the right direction. BLR will have a mentor program.

Substance Abuse Committee: (Teresa)

Public Relations Committee: (Kim, Manuel)

Grants/Finance Committee: (Matthew, Emma, Felisha, Linda, Andy). Matt provided the grant update earlier.

Executive Committee: (Chris, Kim, Felisha and Chris).

Re-entry Updates

Tara asked if there is a Wythe connection to our group. There are a couple of members who also attend that group. Matt says there once was several in the area but not sure if they are still active. Felisha says the Black Diamond is active and meets at her agency. Matt says VA Aware is a state website the lists resources. OneCare is mentioned but not HCCC. The Commonwealth site lists only 3 resources. Tri-Area does behavioral health and other services on a sliding fee scale. Offices in Carroll, Floyd, Franklin and Patrick. Numerous other sites throughout Virginia.

Local Coalition Updates

James discussed drug take-back boxes. Three are located in Smyth County. One lady turned in 96 OxyContin. Physicians, pharmacy, and dentists are required to receive annual training. There is a database that tracks certain medications. This is a very helpful program. They must check a box to indicate that they checked the database. More research is being provided on opioids and their proper use. Hospitals do impartial surveys. The pain management scale is no longer going to be considered to assess pain. There are other methods.

Linda mentioned ASAC coalition meeting in St. Paul. Every other month Thursday 13 10am.

Questions/Concerns/Comments/Announcements:

None.

Next meeting –May 8, 2017

The meeting adjourned at 10:22a.m.

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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