

Highland Community Collaboration Council
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2018
9:30am

The Highlands Community Collaboration Council had a meeting on July 9, 2018 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.

Review and approval of Minutes of June 11, 2018 meeting

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

New Business

- **Matt Sackwitz: Grant Update**

We plan to host a trauma informed care event. Linda knows someone who can conduct the training. It is important that different disciplines come together to form a network. The movie theater in Wytheville has space for 174. Ruth adds that the Emory and Henry School of Medicine has a teaching auditorium that may be available. She will check on it. Subway can feed 150 people for \$500. If we use the movie theater, the total cost would be \$2250. Matt asks Chris to work with James on the details. Eventbrite can be used for registration. Emma suggested we contact Wytheville Community College. They have a large meeting room. We would like to conduct the Trauma Informed Care Network Summit before September. We need to know if we plan to charge a registration fee. If we charge \$5, it will pay for lunch. Charging a fee may increase participation. The summit will create a workgroup that will receive follow-up via conference call after the summit. The presenters charge \$1000. We are looking for a sponsor. If we are unable to obtain the funds, we will not be able to have the summit this year.

- **Manuel Street: Website Update**

None

- **Guest Speakers:**

Ruth Cox and Russ Gates: (Mount Rogers Comm. Service Board)

Ruth and Russ represent Mount Rogers CSB (Counties of Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Smyth, Wythe and City of Galax). They will be discussing trends in recovery. Ruth discussed the process of registering with the licensing board. Russ has presented a packet to the board for registration. A brochure was distributed to the group. Russ showed a video to the group. Dr. Gabor Mate “What is Addiction?” can be assessed on Youtube.

Ben Gross (Treatment Officer: Pocahontas State Correctional Center):

Ben will be outlining treatment options from the institutional point of view. Ben discussed some of the treatment programs available at Pocahontas. There are classes going on and the material was passed around the room. Re-entry adjustment; Victim Impact Class; Cognitive Community; Virginia Cares and Child Support Enforcement are coming in this month. Dads Incarcerated is a new program that will be implemented. Feel free to email Ben if you have any questions. Manuel asks if there is a library available. Ben says there is but it is moving toward an e-book environment.

August 2018 Council Presentations: Suggestions?

Regina will present about the Offender Resettlement Journey in August. She plans to get Ben to assist.

Howard with Virginia Health Systems will present in August.

Matt suggests getting a probation officer to come in September.

Emma will line up something for September.

Re-entry Updates

None

Local Coalition Updates

None

Questions/Concerns/Comments/Announcements:

Telepsychiatry through ETSU is gaining some momentum. There has been some success in the regional jail. There will be a conference on October 19th in Johnson City. The Virginia Housing Alliance in Richmond invited Howard to speak at their next event. It is important for them to know available resources. Medicaid Expansion has been approved in Virginia. We still need to work to get adult dental included in that. It will be starting January 1.

- **Sub-Committee Reports:**

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

None

Employment Committee: (Jimmy with DARS, Mike)

None

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

None

Public Relations Committee: (Kim, Manuel)

None

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

None

Questions/Concerns/Comments/Announcements:

Next meeting –August 13, 2018

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The meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

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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