

Highland Community Collaboration Council
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2017

The Highlands Community Collaboration Council had a meeting on June 12, 2017 at Bristol Lifestyle Recovery

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 May 8, 2017 meeting

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

New Business

- **Sub -Committee Reports:**

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

There is a new grant opportunity available with a due date of July 5th. The allowable uses are: case management, treatment services, substance use treatment, housing, trauma informed practices, mentoring, peer support, supporting job readiness, increasing access to health benefits, staff training, resources to support civil legal aid, developing a data system, etc. We are already doing some of this through our committees. If your organization would like to do some of this work, please let Matt know. Letters of support are needed from OEI and the CSB as well as any other interested providers. We have 18-more days and much of the work has been completed. Teresa (or another Board member) will need to sign the MOU by Wednesday. Resumes are needed from Chris and Felisha. The program narrative is a 20-page document. Any help that you can provide will be appreciated. The grant will not fund something that we are already doing. Funds could be used for fees are BLR but would not fund creating a program like BLR. Our service area for the grant is Washington, Russell, Smyth, City of Bristol, Wythe, and Bland. The group is thankful for the work Matt has done on this grant.

Matt mentioned that the housing committee has been focused on the grant.

Teresa mentioned a grant to be rolled out by July 1. Will focus primarily on clients in the community. Each CSB got a percentage. Mt. Rogers received \$72,000. There will also be staff in the ER. Services will be coordinated through CSB. It is for 9-months.

Employment Committee: (Jimmy with DARS)

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

Public Relations Committee: (Kim, Manuel)

The organization now has a Facebook page.

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

BLR Report

Linda Austin with BLR provided the following information: The center will accept men and women. There will be a program for pregnant women who have been detoxed. There is a citizen who is interested in donating a house for this particular population. There will be a facility tour today. There will be medical, dental, vision either on site or through community partners. We have a facility in Johnson City that has a great success rate. There is a full description at www.bristolstylelifestyle.org. The person does not need to have the full \$800 to be accepted into the program. Local churches are sponsoring some client fees. The facility is co-located in Virginia and Tennessee. The Tennessee Faith Initiative is active in recruiting services for those who need treatment. On July 28th the Director of the Tennessee Faith Initiative will do a presentation to consider expanding services into southwest Virginia. If you would like to receive an invitation, please contact Linda. Linda thanked everyone for visiting the facility today.

Emma reports that she is eager to place clients in BLR. There are two that have been accepted from Bland. One will be released on June 30th. The DOC will be assisting with funding month to month from the local district. Most will be from our catchment area. Matt mentioned a program in Richmond. Franklin Road in Richmond is a 90-day program in Richmond. It would be good if there was a similar program in this area.

Re-entry Updates

Local Coalition Updates

Linda says the St. Paul group is active and a suicide prevention conference is upcoming. It will be listed on the website.

Questions/Concerns/Comments/Announcements:

Chris noted that the state re-entry coordinator is considering changing the meeting from quarterly to twice per year.

Next meeting –July 10, 2017 at 9:30 at Smyth County DSS Second Floor Conference Room.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:39am.

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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