

Highland Community Collaboration Council
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2018
9:30am

The Highlands Community Collaboration Council had a meeting on September 10, 2018 at the Smyth County DSS conference room.

Welcome and Introductions

Emma opened the meeting at 9:30 and members introduced themselves. A sign-in sheet was passed around the room. She asked for additions or corrections to the agenda.

Review and approval of Minutes of August 13, 2018 meeting

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

New Business

- Matt Sackwitz: Discuss plans for future Trauma Informed Network Summit. Have not heard from Ballard (Smyth County) regarding funding. Danielle said she will speak with Matt about the request. Linda said Judge Powell is having a trauma informed conference in October. Ruth adds that lots of people are trained in Trauma Informed Care. The people from Richmond are bringing a different approach, specifically Trauma Informed Community. It may be good to first have people trained in Trauma Informed Care, then have the other training later. Deirdre adds that many offenders have been victimized in the past. An ACES assessment helps to identify the issues. Matt suggests that we need to identify the stakeholders and target them with Trauma Informed Care training. Hospitals, DOC, School Systems, etc. As a council, we need to also obtain the funding to begin the process. We will discuss this further at the October meeting.

Guest Speakers:

- Linda Austin: Executive Director Hands and Feet Ministries. Linda presented a PowerPoint, which will be available on the council website.
- Mike Williams: Mountain CAP provided a PowerPoint presentation to the council. The presentation will be made available on the council website. Mountain CAP serves Smyth, Wythe and Bland Counties. Services are provided to those who meet eligibility criteria.
- Deirdre Hasty-Martin: VADOC Victim Service Unit. Brochures were passed around the room. Offenders have lots of rights. Many have been around for hundreds of years. Victims' rights began with Ronald Reagan. We are able

to advocate for the victim. This is trauma informed care. Notification is part of the process. Executions occur in Virginia. Mostly, my staff are informing victims about the process. There is a victim-offender dialogue that is available to those who are open to it.

October 2018 Council Presentations: Suggestions?

Howard recommend someone from DSS speak about Medicaid Expansion. There is also a new requirement that public housing be smoke free. People are being evicted for this. Andy Kegley is a resource for that. Chaplain Danny can come and talk about healing groups. Emma recommends that we limit presentations to two per month.

Sub-Committee Reports

None

Re-entry Updates

None

Local Coalition Updates

ASAC Meeting will be held in Tazewell.

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:

Emma recommends that we send meeting reminders in the future.

Next meeting –October 15: 3rd Monday: (State Holiday: October 8).

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The meeting adjourned at 11:02am.

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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