

Minutes
Highland Community Collaboration Council
Bland, Bristol City, Russell, Smyth, Washington, and Wythe
Hybrid Meeting (In-person/virtual)
November 13, 2023 (Monday)
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Welcome and Introductions

Charles opened the meeting at 9:30 and members introduced themselves. Charles asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. There were 26 members in attendance today. 18-virtual.

- Check in: Brief introductions for all attendees.

Old Business:

- Review and approval of Draft meeting notes from the September 11, 2023, HCCC meeting. Linda motioned and Jennifer seconded the motion. All in favor. The September minutes are approved.

Guest Speakers:

- TaShauna Johnson, Crossroads Treatment Center. Services for justice-involved clients. 22-locations throughout Virginia. Abingdon, Pounding Mill, Wise and Galax in our region. Counseling is required. Use medication but taper them off. Accept all major medical plans. Vivitrol or Suboxone. Instant intake. Patients will be seen within 24-hours. The physician started as an ER doctor. Branched out. Have 2-methadone clinics. Work closely with criminal justice system. Part of job is drug treatment court. Go into facilities and meet people where they are and get them started in a treatment plan. Over 110 locations. A real person answers the phone. When someone is ready to start, we need to be there to get them taken care of. Everyone on counseling staff has a bachelor's or master's degree. We also have case managers to help them connect with other local resources. Total care is part of the program. Had one client who needed all her teeth pulled. Helped her get those services and she now has a beautiful smile. Also provide basic mental health. (434) 319-4630 is her personal cell phone number and you are free to call her anytime. tjohnson@tctcare.com. Travels with her computer and can usually schedule the appointment while the person is there with you. 396 patients in Abingdon. Have been around since 2005. We have some wonderful products to help people get their lives back on track. On site tours are available. The health department visits the sites regularly. Richard asked if someone who has recently completed the peer recovery specialist program and needs supervision hours,

could they do this at Crossroads? Yes, please contact TaShauna and she will be happy to help.

New Business:

- Determine agenda for December 11, 2023, meeting. Bland and CCAP in December. Stan will attempt to get questions in advance. VCCW will be online on January 8th.

Wrap Up:

Questions/Concerns/Comments/Announcements:

- ASAC Natural Tunnel State Park December 14th 10-12. The Health Wagon will be presenting that day.
- Hands and Feet Ministries. A church was donated to them. Will create a program to partner with DSS to assist women with children.
- December 2nd, 13 and 16, 5-8pm will have a unit party at the correctional facility in Mountain City.
- Rick provided an update on BLR. MW has been open almost 3-months in Abingdon. 70-licensed beds. Around 25 most days. Still actively recruiting staff. The residential facility is open around the clock. ASM 3.1, clinically managed low-intensity services. Above partial hospitalization and below detox. Often have patients coming from a detox situation. Often have people coming out of jails or DOC. Addiction treatment is the primary focus. Have licensed counselors, med techs, CNA's, nurses and work to assist those through transitions. Door-to-door connections. Help people in their long-term recovery. Dental, vision, housing services also available. All individualized. We do a lot of groups and refer to many other services. We would like to make many community connections to be able to provide enhanced services to patients. We strive for a safe environment so those who exhibit violent or sexualized behavior. Currently not admitting pregnant women or women with children. Those with disabilities are considered on a case-by-case basis. Average length of stay is 2-3 months. Visit fairviewhousing.org for more information. MW: (276) 451-3996. BLR: (276) 821-8030.

Sub-Committee Reports

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

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

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

Public Relations Committee: (Manuel)

None

Executive Committee: (Charles, Jennifer and Chris).

None

Board: (Linda, Charles, Matt, Jimmy, Chris and Emma)

Re-entry Updates

Local Coalition Updates

None

Next meeting – December 11, 2023: 2nd Monday

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The meeting adjourned at 10:26am.

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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Secretary