

**Agenda**  
**Highland Community Collaboration Council**  
**Meeting via ZOOM**  
**March 8, 2021**  
**9:30 AM**

Meeting Minutes

The Highlands Community Collaboration Council had a meeting on March 8, 2021 via Zoom.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chris opened the meeting at 9:30 and members introduced themselves. Members in attendance include: Chris Shortt, Chris Austin, Felisha McNabb, Linda Austin, Kathy Fugate, Manuel Street, Emma Eaton, Richard Keene, Mark Moss, Robert Myers, Cynthia Williams, Susan Smith, Berk Artrip, Tami Phifer, Beck Artrip, Tracy Davidson, Lashawnda Singleton, Candice Morris, Carla Mullis, Charles Stanley, Chris Snipes, Howard Chapman, Jimmy McKenzie, Kim Coe and Curtis Sizemore. He asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. There were 25 members in attendance today.

**Review of Re-Entry Business for 2020**

Felisha says we need to figure out if we need to do anything with our compliance paperwork. She has not received anything in the mail but will check on it.

**New Business**

Nothing at this point. Chris will check back at the end of the meeting and see if anyone has anything to discuss.

**Guest Speakers:**

Linda Austin: BLR/ASAC Update

ASAC has been meeting via Zoom and live streaming on Facebook. They have over 350-members. 69-people attended the last meeting. Dr. Sue Cantrell presented at the last meeting. She was instrumental in the first harm reduction program in Virginia. Let Linda know if you would like to be included in the ASAC email list. [lindaaustin1225@gmail.com](mailto:lindaaustin1225@gmail.com)

BLR has re-opened. They have Medicaid licensure. 32 males are there. Only the Virginia side is open. It is a 60-90 day program.

Pastor Steven Davis at the Gray House has a couple of openings on the Virginia side. They are in their 27<sup>th</sup> month. They are seeking funding to expand services on the Virginia side. They hope to have a women's facility in the next 24-months. They are seeking volunteers.

Hearts on Horizon is a program for females in Tazewell. It is a sober living residence. There is a new men's facility opening in Jasper, Virginia. It will have 16-beds. Mountain Movers in Buchanan and

Tazewell are in the process of opening. If you know of a “little free pantry” box in your locality, please let Linda know so she can map these boxes.

The Rx Summit is upcoming in April. It is virtual this year. The cost is \$425.

#### **April 2021 Council Presentations: Suggestions?**

Chris Snipes with Virginia Cares (People, Inc.) would like to present in April.

#### **Sub-Committee Reports**

Tabled

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

*Employment Committee:* (Jimmy with DARS, Mike with VEC)

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

*Public Relations Committee:* (Kim, Manuel)

*Executive Committee:* (Chris, Richard, Felisha and Chris).

#### **Re-entry Updates**

#### **Local Coalition Updates**

#### **Questions/Concerns/Comments/Announcements:**

Howard made the council aware of a grant opportunity that is due by April 12<sup>th</sup>. He will email the guidance to Chris. It is for those who have been incarcerated due to opioids.

The harm reduction program in Smyth County needs toiletry items donated.

**Next meeting –April 12, 2021: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday**

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**The meeting adjourned at 10:31am.**

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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