

Minutes
Highland Community Collaboration Council
Bland, Bristol City, Russell, Smyth, Washington, and Wythe
Virtual Meeting
July 8, 2024 (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 31 virtual members in attendance today.

- Check in: Brief introductions for all attendees.

Old Business:

- Review and approval of Draft meeting notes from the June 10, 2024 HCCC meeting. Jimmy motioned and Jennifer seconded the motion. All in favor. The June minutes are approved.

Guest Speakers:

- Joey Carico: Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society – Project Pathfinder. Director of Legal Aid for 5-years. Assigns attorneys to represent people who are in recovery. Recovery courts and re-entry. Assist people to get their life back on track. They have issues like divorce, housing, drug convictions, active drug charges, can stop garnishments and help with getting license. It helps remove barriers to recovery. Recovery is a journey. Need to be able to reach probationers. Recently attended a resource fair in Tazewell. Was able to meet a lot of people. If there are groups of probationers in southwest, I need to be able to get with them. I want to have a referral form that can be faxed to my office so we can get the intake process started. Charles says they will have resource fairs like Tazewell just had. There are offices in Christiansburg, Marion and Castlewood. Mr. Carico provided his contact information in the chat.

New Business:

Determine agenda for August 12, 2024. No input provided.

Wrap Up:

Questions/Concerns/Comments/Announcements:

Patty is opening a center in Roanoke this month.

Linda says ASAC Resource Fair 8/8 10-2 Higher Ed. 10/10 9:30-12 at Breaks. Beds available at BLR and MW. Sanctuary is a step down for MW starting work in August. 12/6 Mike Farris is doing another benefit concert.

Rick asks about restrictions on Patty's facilities. She cannot accept those with sex offender status. Some extreme medical conditions such as schizophrenia are often excluded due to the medication management. Some violent crimes are restrictive.

Tammy asked Patty about MAT restrictions. They are a non-MAT facility.

Vinny says the Hot Jobs list on Friday includes a couple of recovery court positions and victim witness positions.

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 – August 12, 2024: 2nd Monday
<http://www.highlandsccc.org>

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The meeting adjourned at 10:25am.

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