Minutes Highland Community Collaboration Council Bland, Bristol City, Russell, Smyth, Washington, and Wythe Virtual Meeting June10, 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 37 virtual members in attendance today.

• Check in: Brief introductions for all attendees.

Old Business:

• Review and approval of Draft meeting notes from the May 13, 2024 HCCC meeting. Jimmy motioned and Jennifer seconded the motion. All in favor. The May minutes are approved.

Guest Speakers:

Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. Have 20 inmates that will be released within the next six months. None of the inmates will be returning to District 16 or 17.

One inmate from Harrisonburg is seeking information specific to her locality. (540) 672-2881 is a local resource (OAR). Shane mentions MCO's in her area. Information is on the back of your Medicaid card. Vinny mentions the workforce center (540) 830-4993.

Amanda from Roanoke asks about resources. TAP has a Virginia Cares program (540) 283-4480. They can assist with photo ID, job readiness, etc. Resources for housing? MCO's have housing advocates. Jimmy says DARS can assist with barriers to employment (800) 552-5019. Vinny mentions Virginia Works and second chance employers. TAP has housing programs. There are three Oxford houses in that area.

Cassa asks for information about resources in the Danville area. Laura will send an email with resources. There is a Virginia Works in Danville.

Any resources in Lynchburg? Lyn CAG. Virginia Works in Lynchburg. Rick mentions Mended Women in Abingdon (276) 451-3996.

<u>New Business:</u> Determine agenda for July 8, 2024. No input provided.

Wrap Up:

Questions/Concerns/Comments/Announcements: ASAC will meet 6/13 at 9:30 at the Inn at Wise. Joey Carrico will be presenting. Resource Fair at the Higher Ed Center 8/8 10-2. Lunch provided for vendors. ASAC 10/10 at the Breaks. Sanctuary renovations will begin soon. Step down opportunity for Mended Women. BLR, Mountain Mission and Mended Women have openings. Remind people to do Medicaid renewals.

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 – July 8, 2024: 2nd Monday http://www.highlandsccc.org

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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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