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April 17th, 2024

The April 2024 meeting of the RVCR Advisory Committee will be held as follows:

DATE:	Wednesday, April 17th, 2024
TIME:	9:00 A.M.
LOCATION:	Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission office (Top Floor Conference Room), 313 Luck Ave., SW, Roanoke, VA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions..... *Chair Clark*
2. Approval of Consent Agenda *Chair Clark*
 - Today’s agenda
 - Minutes of the March 20th, 2024 CAC meeting

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of consent agenda, voice vote
3. Chair’s Remarks..... *Chair Clark*
4. Staff Updates..... *Director Robert Natt*
5. RVCR Organization Study Update.....*Mary Beth Dunkenberger*
6. Recovery Ecosystem Conference Update*Scott Weimer*
7. VOAA Updates.....*Director Robert Natt*
 - April 2024 Applications.....*Wayne Leftwich, Madeline Hanlon*
 - Subcommittee Budget Recommendations.....*Janine Underwood*
8. Fentanyl Awareness Day (May 7th, 2024)..... *Director Robert Natt*
9. Other Business
10. Comments from Committee Members and/or the Public



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11. Adjournment

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MINUTES

The March meeting of the Roanoke Valley Collective Response Advisory Committee was held in person on Wednesday, March 20 at 9:00 a.m.

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions

Ms. Underwood called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING

Lee Clark	Roanoke Rescue Mission
Nancy Hans	Partnership for Community Wellness
Jeremy Hartman	City of Salem Fire EMS
Letitia Hawkins-Beatty	Blue Ridge Behavioral Health
Linda Hentschel	Family Services
Janine Underwood	Bradley Free Clinic
Cynthia Morrow	Virginia Department of Health
Scott Weimer	Virginia Tech
Christine Wright	The HOPE Initiative

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Cheri Hartman	Carilion Clinic
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OTHERS PRESENT

Jeremy Holmes	Executive Director, RVARC
Robert Natt	Director, RVCR, as acting Secretary
Bailey Helgeson	Peer Recovery Coordinator, RVCR
Dr. Joseph Rosenberg	Grant and Program Administrator

2. Action Requested: Approval of Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. March 20th agenda
- B. February 14th meeting minutes

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C. March 1st work session attendance

MOTION: by Mr. Hartman to approve consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hentschel.

CAC ACTION: Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Chair's Remarks**

Mr. Clark thanked everyone for their work around the March work session. The agenda will reflect some of the changes and ideas discussed at the retreat.

4. **Staff Update**

Mr. Natt notified the committee that he will begin including staff members to share in these updates, and provided a budget overview.

A large component of the SAMHSA grant is focused on training, and Ms. Helgeson discussed progress over the past year. Ms. Hans mentioned about the program in the jail and working with mothers in recovery and the great work that Ms. Helgeson is doing within the program. Mr. Natt discussed the growth opportunities for collaboration with Faith-Based groups in our catchment area.

Mr. Rosenberg discussed the progress he has made with his responsibilities in evaluation of the SAMHSA grant and building relationships with our colleagues at SAMHSA. He also discussed the development of the assessment instruments, and desire for geographic expansion to remain in compliance with the SAMHSA grant. We need to move out into Alleghany, Franklin and Craig counties. Mr. Rosenberg also discussed grant expectations of the new CPRS and their focus on education.

Mr. Natt discussed issues in obtaining access to FAACT platform. He is working with GCOM to restore access.

Mr. Clark thanked Ms. Helgeson and Mr. Rosenberg for their work, and expressed his willingness and the CAC to assist with the work in Alleghany, Franklin, and Craig counties.

Mr. Natt discussed the progress on the technical website updates and the Places of Recovery video campaign.

The First Lady's office has reached out to RVCR about considering a presentation at the April 3rd Stakeholder meeting. Mr. Natt will invite staff to present an update on the *It Only Takes One* campaign.

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Mr. Natt asked the committee for input on the effectiveness of parental pledges. The group indicated that they didn't expect significant behavioral change from pledges, but they would not hurt to include in a campaign.

5. Study Update

Mary Beth Dunkenberger provided a brief update via e-mail. She is hoping to be done in the next few weeks. Ms. Hans inquired about the difference between the interviews and online survey.

6. Update on March 1st, 2024 Work Session

Mr. Clark and Ms. Underwood are working on a new agreement with the Commission. It will be brought to the CAC when the work is completed.

They recommend rescoping the OAA grant, and invited a subcommittee to work on reviewing the budgets and to provide a proposal to the CAC. Ms. Wright communicated a concern that there should be someone on this subcommittee who would represent the voice of persons in recovery.

MOTION: by Nancy Hans to authorize a subcommittee comprised of Mr. Natt, Mr. Clark, Ms. Underwood, Dr. Hartman, and Dr. Morrow. The motion was seconded by Scott Weimer.

CAC ACTION: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Natt suggested inviting Wayne Leftwich from the City of Roanoke and Madeline Hanlon from the Roanoke County to join the CAC. This will foster increased collaboration between RVCR and localities, particularly in all aspects of OAA grant planning and administration. Mr. Clark also suggested looking at committee expansion to better reflect the representation of our catchment area.

MOTION: by Jeremy Hartman to invite Wayne Leftwich and Madeline Hanlon to join the CAC. The motion was seconded by Letitia Hawkins-Beatty.

CAC ACTION: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clark mentioned interest in establishing an independent 501(c)3 for the Collective Response.



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MOTION: by Janine Underwood to begin exploring entity formation. The motion was seconded by Nancy Hans.

CAC ACTION: Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Recovery Ecosystem Conference**

Dr. Weimer provided an update on conference planning. Registration is scheduled to begin on May 1st, 2024. The group is initially planning to begin with a day focused on judicial activities around Drug Courts. Mr. Weimer asked for assistance in identifying speakers and the target audience.

8. **Other Business**

Ms. Hans mentioned that email addresses appear in duplicate on some meeting invitations. Mr. Natt mentioned that the list is managed within Hubspot, and he will investigate it to resolve the issues.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Robert Natt, Secretary
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