



Roanoke Valley-Alleghany

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MINUTES

The January meeting of the Roanoke Valley Collective Response Collective's Advisory Committee (CAC) was held in person on Wednesday, January 10 at 9:00 a.m.

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions

Chair Clark 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
Cheri Hartman	Carilion Clinic
Linda Hentschel	Family Services
Janine Underwood	Bradley Free Clinic
Jeremy Hartman	City of Salem Fire EMS
Cynthia Morrow	Virginia Department of Health
Christine Wright	The HOPE Initiative

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Letitia Hawkins-Beatty	Blue Ridge Behavioral Health
Scott Weimer	Virginia Tech

OTHERS PRESENT

Mary Beth Dunkenberger	Virginia Tech
Bailey Helgeson	Peer Recovery Coordinator, RVCR
Jeremy Holmes	Executive Director, RVARC
Robert Natt	Director, RVCR, as acting Secretary



2. Action Requested: Approval of Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- January 10th Meeting Agenda
- Minutes of the November 8th, 2023 CAC meeting

MOTION: by Jeremy Hartman to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Linda Hentschel.

CAC ACTION: Motion carried unanimously.

3. Remarks from the Chair

No Comment

4. Director Updates

- An offer has been tendered to one of the finalists for the Grant and Program Administrator. We have a verbal acceptance. However, we will announce the name when it is official.
- Roanoke City has received the funds from the VOAA.
 - Robert will schedule a meeting with Wayne Leftwich from the City of Roanoke on clarification on spending and carryover.
- There are conversations with the Appalachian Commission regarding the Inspire Grant and possible opportunities for RVCR members to partner with them.
- We need to have a discussion on our timeline of publications and about how we want to share our data.

5. RVCR Organization Study Update

- Mary Beth Dunkenberg discussed the progress of the report and invitations to participate in the study.
- The survey has been Beta tested and will be submitted to the IRB for approval.
- Preliminary observations were shared with the CAC.
- There is an intern coming on at the RVARC that Jeremy Holmes offered to make available to Mary Beth to assist with the Study.



6. Stakeholder Meeting Planning

- Monthly meetings will continue on a general cycle of quarterly in-person meetings and others virtually.
 - Virtual meetings will be 60 minutes.
 - In-person meetings may be extended to 2 hours: 9-11am.
 - In-person meetings will generally be held in the Mill Mountain Room at Carilion Children's.
- Some stakeholders suggested considering a data snapshot with the information coming from ODMAP and other sources. The group discussed a potential cycle to share this information appropriately.
- Every meeting should be as action-oriented as possible.
- The next meeting will be held on February 7th.
 - We will announce the asset mapping exercise, and design working group activities to support asset mapping and VOAA project ideation. These activities will likely continue on March 6th.
 - Save-the-date will go out later this week to stakeholders for the next meeting.
 - We will develop a contingency plan in case of snow.
 - Robert will coordinate with Mary Beth and the Regional Commission Intern to discuss logistics and report back to the CAC.

7. Strategic Planning

None

8. Other Business

None.

9. Comments from Committee Members and/or the Public

- Jeremy Holmes mentioned the VOAA deadline for requesting funding is April 1st. It was suggested to approach entities within the region and see what opportunities there could be to assist these communities and provide support. Emphasis on Alleghany County.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

Robert Natt

Robert Natt, Secretary

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