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MINUTES

The February meeting of the Roanoke Valley Collective Response Collective's Advisory Committee (CAC) was held in person on Wednesday, February 14 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

Nancy Hans	Partnership for Community Wellness
Cheri Hartman	Carilion Clinic
Linda Hentschel	Family Services
Letitia Hawkins-Beatty	Blue Ridge Behavioral Health
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

Lee Clark	Roanoke Rescue Mission
Scott Weimer	Virginia Tech

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

[Member Governments: Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin, and Roanoke, Cities of Covington, Roanoke and Salem, Towns of Clifton Forge, Rocky Mount and Vinton](#)



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2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Consent Agenda approved
- B. RVCR CAC January 10th Meeting Minutes

MOTION: by Letitia Hawkins-Beatty to approve the consent agenda and minutes. The motion was seconded by Christine Wright.

CAC ACTION: Motion carried unanimously.

3. Remarks from the Chair

Janine Underwood shared that Lee Clark was not in attendance due to personal matter. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family at this time.

4. Director Updates

- Robert Natt welcomed to Dr. Rosenberg to the team. If you have not had an opportunity to do so we encourage you to do so.
- The February stakeholder meeting was successful, and we received positive feedback.
- We have scheduled sessions with Madeline Hanlon to discuss potential stakeholder projects for VOAA applications.
 - Ms. Underwood commented on the concern of communication to the organizations who are not in the room at stakeholder meetings. She asked if it can be published in the newsletter.
 - Ms. Hans expressed similar concerns. She included concerns on information on how to apply for funding with the City and County.
 - Mr. Natt has acknowledged that there needs to be work on the process of identifying opportunities and communicating that to the City and County. He discussed the guidance provide by Johns Hopkins University and offered to include that in the newsletter.



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- Ms. Wright asked if a program could be developed where the stakeholders could be present with the representatives from the City and County to ask them questions regarding funding from VOAA.
- Mr. Holmes explained the process of funding approval since it differs on regular disbursement since it is tied to a legal settlement.
- We received incredible feedback from the event on January 30th with the Commonwealth's Attorney and the First Lady of Virginia. Robert received an inquiry about potential financial support.

5. RVCR Organizational Study Update

- Mary Beth provided a written update via email.

6. Bylaw Update

- Mr. Natt has had several meetings with Mr. Holmes, Mr. Clark and Ms. Underwood about ways to accommodate more planning time for CAC meetings. The group discussed shifting the meeting cycle to address this request. The proposed Bylaw amendment shifts CAC meetings from the second Wednesday to the Third Wednesday of the month.

A motion was moved to approve the changes as written regarding the time of the meeting by Ms. Hartman. This was seconded by Ms. Wright.

7. March Retreat Planning

- Ms. Underwood asked for volunteers to assist with planning a work session on March 1st, 2024. Ms. Hentschel, Ms. Hawkins-Beatty, Ms. Hans, and Ms. Wright volunteered to assist.

8. Recovery Ecosystem Conference Update

- Not discussed, as Scott Weimer was not in attendance.



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9. Other Business

- There were questions about the Asset mapping and how the Stakeholder's feedback will be incorporated into the project. Ms. Hans asked if we will be including all the areas of our catchment. It was asked how we include our rural localities. How do we protect ownership of the product resulting from the Asset mapping. Mr. Natt communicated this will be taken care of in the contract with Virginia Tech.
- Ms. Hans expressed concern that the word "prevention" was accidentally removed from the document. It needs to be placed back in the document to be consistent with SAMHSA and White House paradigm.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Robert Natt

Robert Natt, Secretary

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