



September 18, 2024

The September 2024 meeting of the Collective's Advisory Committee will be held as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, September 18, 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 August 21, 2024 CAC meeting
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of consent agenda, voice vote
3. Chair's Remarks Chair Clark
4. Director Updates Bailey Medeiros (Helgeson)
5. CAC Membership, First Responder Representation Chair Clark
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion of CAC-made recommendations
6. FY25 OAA Grant Process with Roanoke City and County Bailey Medeiros (Helgeson)
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion, action at next meeting
7. Blueprint for Action Update Bailey Medeiros (Helgeson)
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion, Steering Committee volunteers
8. Recovery Month Bailey Medeiros (Helgeson)
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion
9. Recovery Ecosystems Conference Follow Up Scott Weimer



10. Other Business

11. Comments from Committee Members and/or the Public

12. Adjournment

#### **Public Input Policy**

“At the end of each Regional Commission meeting, the Commission will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half hour in length and each speaker will be asked to sign up and be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak.”

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## MINUTES

The August meeting of the Roanoke Valley Collective Response Collective’s Advisory Committee (CAC) was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

### 1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

#### **VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Cheri Hartman	Carilion Clinic
Cynthia Morrow	Virginia Department of Health
Lee Clark	Roanoke Rescue Mission
Nancy Hans	Partnership for Community Wellness
Letitia Hawkins-Beatty	Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare
Linda Hentschel	Family Service
Wayne Leftwich	Roanoke City
Janine Underwood	Bradley Free Clinic
Scott Weimer	Virginia Tech

#### **VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING REMOTELY**

Christine Wright                      The HOPE Initiative

#### **VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT**

Madeline Hanlon                      Roanoke County

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Bailey Medeiros	RVCR Director
Joseph S. Rosenberg, Ed.D.	Grant and Program Administrator

### 2. CALL TO ORDER

Christine Wright requested to participate remotely under RVARC’s written policy for electronic meeting participation, allowing for remote participation when a physical quorum is present. Ms. Wright requested to participate remotely due to a medical appointment.

**CAC Action:** Unanimously Approved.

### 3. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA



Chair Clark asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Weimer made the motion, and Ms. Hentschel seconded.

**CAC Action:** Unanimously Approved.

#### 4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Medeiros provided updates on several ongoing projects.

The Recovery Community Engagement Lead position is expected to be posted next week. Ms. Medeiros anticipates a strong applicant pool from the Peers Network and the wider community. The final project agreement between RVARC, RVCR, and the CAC has been signed, outlining the goals and commitments of the Collective Response. The August stakeholder meeting was well-attended with 48 people, and guest speaker Ms. Cindy Newman from the VOAA received positive feedback from stakeholders. The September meeting will be held on the 7th at Intercept Health due to a scheduling conflict at Carillion Children's and will focus on Recovery Month and the relaunch of the Places of Recovery Campaign.

#### 5. CAC MEMBERSHIP, FIRST RESPONDER REPRESENTATION

Mr. Clark requested recommendations for candidates to fill the vacant First Responder's seat on the CAC. Ms. Wright suggested Mr. Jason Focht from the Roanoke City Fire Department, highlighting his strong support and collaboration for the Responders for Recovery program. Ms. Underwood concurred with this suggestion. Ms. Medeiros will follow up with Mr. Focht to gauge his interest in joining the CAC.

**CAC Action:** Please share any additional suggestions with Ms. Medeiros for discussion at the September CAC meeting.

#### 6. FY25 OAA GRANT PROCESS WITH ROANOKE CITY AND COUNTY

Mr. Leftwich updated the group on the upcoming OAA grant cycle, set to reopen in October, and the associated pre-application process developed in collaboration with RVCR, Roanoke City, and Roanoke County. A streamlined pre-application will be available on the RVCR website, and a committee of local experts will evaluate proposals for feasibility and alignment with the region's needs as outlined in the



Blueprint and White Paper. These recommendations will then be forwarded to city and county representatives to help inform their funding decisions.

Ms. Hans emphasized the importance of considering the root causes of this funding during the review process. Ms. Underwood inquired about the prioritization of service locations in other localities, and Mr. Leftwich confirmed its significance, particularly in relation to matching funding opportunities.

Ms. Hentschel inquired about the timeline. Ms. Medeiros clarified that the process will open in October and close in December, to provide ample time for application review, feedback, and recommendations before City and County deadlines in early 2025 to VOAA. The final decision on which grant applications will be submitted to VOAA rests with the City and County officials.

Ms. Hans emphasized the importance of keeping the root causes of this funding in mind during the review process. Ms. Underwood inquired about the prioritization of service locations in other localities, and Mr. Leftwich confirmed its importance, highlighting the significance of matching funding.

**CAC Action:** Dr. Marrow motioned to approve the proposed review process as recommended to the CAC, seconded by Ms. Hans. The motion passed unanimously.

## **7. BLUEPRINT FOR ACTION RFP AND STEERING COMMITTEE**

Two bids were received for the Blueprint 2.0 project RFP. The review committee, consisting of Ms. Medeiros, Ms. Underwood, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Holmes, is currently evaluating the bids. The final decision will be announced on Friday, adhering to the project timeline.

Mr. Clark has requested volunteers for members to form a steering committee for the Blueprint 2.0 project execution. Ms. Hans, Dr. Morrow, and Dr. Hartman expressed interest in serving on the committee with a request for more information on the time commitment involved.

## **8. OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY AND RECOVERY MONTH EVENTS**

Ms. Medeiros provided an update on the RVCR Overdose Awareness Day Event, held on August 29th at the Taubman Museum of Art. She detailed the Peer Network's planning efforts, including funding acquisition, adoption of the "Together We Can" theme, safety and security supports, awareness campaign strategies, and community engagement initiatives. Volunteer opportunities were presented, and



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CAC members indicated their availability for participation.

## 9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

On September 10th, a press conference will be held to commemorate the 8th anniversary of the Hope Initiative. Chief Perkins will be traveling from Florida to attend the event, alongside Chief Booth. Both Chiefs will be honored with a plaque in recognition of their foundational support and pioneering efforts in establishing the Hope Initiative.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Bailey Medeiros (Helgeson), Acting Secretary  
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