



Roanoke Valley-Alleghany

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November 8th, 2023

The November 2023 meeting of the Collective’s Advisory Committee will be held as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, November 8th, 2023

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 October 11th, 2023 CAC meeting, pp. 3 - 6

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of consent agenda, voice vote
3. Chair’s Remarks *Chair Clark*
4. Director Updates..... *Director Robert Natt*
5. RVCR Organization Study update *Mary Beth Dunkenberger*
ACTION REQUESTED: Provide input on research questions
6. Stakeholder Meeting Planning..... *Director Robert Natt*
7. Strategic Planning.....Chair Clark, Vice-Chair Underwood
8. Other Business
9. Comments from Committee Members and/or the Public
10. Adjournment



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MINUTES

The October meeting of the Roanoke Valley Collective Response Collective’s Advisory Committee (CAC) was held in person on Wednesday, October 11, 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

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

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

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| Kristen Adkins | Virginia Department of Health |
| Brad Finegood | Seattle King County Department of Health |
| Bailey Helgeson | Peer Recovery Coordinator, RVCR |
| Robert Natt | Director, RVCR, as acting Secretary |
| Alex Watkins | Virginia Department of Health |



2. Action Requested: Approval of Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Consent agenda approved
- B. August 9, 2023 RVCR CAC Meeting Minutes

MOTION: by Jeremy Hartman to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Nancy Hans.

CAC ACTION: Motion carried unanimously.

3. Remarks from the Chair

No Remarks from the Chair.

4. Director Updates

Robert Natt reported that there have been 70 applicants for the grant administrator position that RVCR is hiring for. CAC members Jeremy Hartman, Janine Underwood, Nancy Hans, and Christine Wright all confirmed their interest in participation on the hiring committee. More updates to follow after review period.

The Regional Commission is engaging with the firm BKO to update the Commission's website. Through that contract there is an opportunity to update the RVCR website as well. Work is scheduled to be completed by December. Feedback welcome for the website updates.

The operating agreement for Roanoke City OAA funding is still pending. Robert has been in touch with the OAA, City of Roanoke, and Roanoke County, and he is hoping that the agreement will be executed very soon.

5. RVCR Organization Study Update

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



Postponed until next meeting.

6. Stakeholder Meeting Planning

Robert Natt reported there was a slight shift in plans as September's previously scheduled in person meeting was pushed to October. The group decided to change the November meeting to in-person to encourage important connection during breakout sessions. They also decided to extend the meeting to 90 minutes. The January 2024 meeting will be canceled.

7. Presentation

Brad Finegood shared a presentation on the Seattle King County Health Department Overdose Response Team Strategic Overview.

Brad shared three main pillars for addressing the challenges of overdose response;

1. Improve access to evidence-based care
2. Advance innovative health strategies that reduce harm for Persons Who Use Drugs (PWUD)
3. Promote the dignity of PWUD through compassionate, non-judgmental practices

The critical factors of success they found were;

1. Cross-system collaboration
2. Increased access to quality care - capacity & better entry ramps
3. Stigma reduction at all levels - community, providers & peers
4. Centering around equity and addressing disparities in health outcomes
5. Elevation of the voices of people with lived experience
6. Improved data quality for decision-making and coordination of care
7. Relationships with trusted community leaders to bridge systems mistrust
8. Healthcare transformation to improve access to care

CAC then discussed how to use Seattle King County's work might further inform development and implementation of Overdose Response in our region.



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8. Other Business

None.

9. Comments from Committee Members and/or the Public

Meeting adjourned at 10:22am.

Robert Natt, Secretary

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