



## **MINUTES**

The July meeting of the Roanoke Valley Collective Response Collective's Advisory Committee (CAC) was held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, July 12th, at 9:00 a.m.

### **1. Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions**

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

#### **VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING**

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Jeremy Hartman	City of Salem Fire EMS
Letitia Hawkins-Beatty	Blue Ridge Behavioral Health
Nancy Hans	Partnership for Community Wellness
Cheri Hartman	Carilion Clinic
Janine Underwood	Bradley Free Clinic
Scott Weimer	Virginia Tech

#### **VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT**

Christine Wright	The HOPE Initiative
Lee Clark	Roanoke Rescue Mission
Linda Hentschel	Family Services

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Robert Natt	Director, RVCR, as acting Secretary
Jeremy Holmes	Executive Director, RVARC
Bailey Helgeson	Peer Recovery Coordinator, RVCR

### **2. Action Requested: Approval of Consent Agenda**

Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Consent agenda approved
- B. May 10, 2023 RVCR CAC Meeting Minutes

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



**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. RVCR Organization Study Update**

Mary Beth Dunkenberger provided an email update that was read by Robert Natt. She is still working through the internal review process at Virginia Tech, and hopes to begin interviews after August 30th, 2023. Interview questions will be sent to CAC for review.

### **5. Committee Membership Expansion**

All parties welcomed Scott Weimer as a new member to the committee.

The group also discussed a nomination to add Cynthia Morrow from the Virginia Department of Health to join the committee.

**MOTION:** by Nancy Hans to add Cynthia Morrow to the CAC. The motion was seconded by Cheri Hartman.

**CAC ACTION:** Motion carried unanimously.

### **6. Opioid Abatement Authority Grant Update**

Robert Natt provided a summary update from the first round of OAA applications through the City of Roanoke. Wayne Leftwich, Assistant to the City Manager, expressed his gratitude for the RVCR's technical assistance in May OAA applications. All proposed projects received unanimous approval from OAA, totaling approximately \$750k in Year 1 projects for the City of Roanoke.



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The City of Roanoke also plans to submit an application for a Recovery Housing Study in Fall 2023.

RVCR is continuing conversations with Roanoke County and Franklin County about technical assistance for future OAA applications.

## **7. Policy Review and Recommendation**

The group discussed the need to for policy expansion to support the continued growth of the RVCR and maximize value for stakeholders.

**MOTION:** by Jeremy Hartman to authorize the scheduling of a work session to begin policy analysis and develop. The motion was seconded by Nancy Hans.

**CAC ACTION:** Motion carried unanimously.

## **8. Director Update**

RVCR staff is very excited about new OAA projects on the horizon.

Staff is currently developing plans for Overdose Awareness Day on 8/31/23 and Recovery Month (September).

## **9. Stakeholder Meeting Planning**

The August meeting will be held over zoom. The committee discussed ways to best engage stakeholders in planning for Overdose Awareness Day on 8/31/23 and Recovery Month (September).

**CAC ACTION:** None.

## **10. Other Business**

None



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Meeting adjourned at 9:54am.

*Robert Natt*

Robert Natt, Secretary  
Roanoke Valley Collective Response Collective's Advisory Committee