

MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICES

January 27, 2025

Minutes

The Mount Rogers Community Services Board of Directors met in-person on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the E. W. Cline, Jr., Building in Wytheville, Virginia, including available attendance via Zoom meeting, a teleconferencing program.

PRESENT:

Ms. Kathy Cole
Ms. Michelle DeBord
Ms. Susie Dixon Garner
Mr. Gerald Goad
Ms. Joanne Groseclose
Ms. Kathy Havens
Ms. Kristyna Lathem
Ms. Christin Long
Mr. Kris Ratliff
Ms. Betsy Shearin
Ms. Jo Viars
Ms. Sandy Worrell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Patty Belcher
Ms. Sandy Bryant
Mr. Anthony Craver
Ms. Kathy Cressel
Ms. Samantha Crockett
Ms. Laura Davis
Ms. Kayla Fisher
Mr. Bob Gordon
Ms. Wendy Gullion
Mr. Bobby Miglani – Zoom
Mr. Logan Nester
Mr. Richie Pack
Ms. Rita Viars

OTHERS:

Mr. Nick Mirra
Mr. Jason Toney

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Joanne Groseclose, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Ms. Groseclose introduced the new Board member, Ms. Kristyna Lathem representing Wythe County.

Ms. Groseclose introduced Mr. Jason Toney, who shared his success story and the positive life-changing effects on his life as a result of the services received through Mount Rogers Community Services.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Ms. Groseclose offered a moment of silence in recognition of the decisions made during the meeting and the people whose lives are affected by the decisions.

III. APPROVAL OF November 25, 2024 MINUTES

The minutes of November 25, 2024, were approved as presented on the motion of Ms. Kathy Havens and seconded by Ms. Sandy Worrell. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

Ms. Kayla Fisher, Director of Executive Operations, announced the Agency had received various donations for the months of November and December totaling \$7,932.51 including:

November 2024

- Crossroads Social House - \$2,000 for a discount for facility rental.
- Virginia Rural Health Association - \$700 for Creating Connections.
- Ebenezer Lutheran Church – \$50 for One Day at a Time Resource Boxes for supplies.
- Ammi’s Barber Shop - \$150 for One Day at a Time Resource Boxes for supplies.
- Art League of Marion - \$200 for C3 Recovery for meals.
- Tammy Bise – \$50 for C3 Recovery Class for meals.
- Ginny Moorer – \$50 for C3 Recovery Class for meals.
- Shirley Lockhart – \$50 for Creating Connections for meals.
- Sally Moorer – \$75 towards Creating Connections for meals.
- Jennifer Johnson – \$30 for EHC CHATS for meals.
- Emory and Henry Faculty – \$100 for EHC CHATS for drinks and desserts.
- Project Crossroads – \$638 for One Day at a Time Resource Boxes for supplies.
- First United Methodist Church - \$250 for One Day at a Time Resource Boxes for supplies.

December 2024

- Pascor – \$919 for ESS Program for 50 fruit baskets.
- Fairview Methodist Church – \$500 towards Geriatric and ID-IDD Programs for Christmas boxes.
- Somic America – \$200 towards Geriatric and ID-IDD Programs for Christmas boxes.
- Food City – \$133.97 towards ESS Christmas Party for meals.
- First United Methodist Church – \$250 for One Day at a Time Resource Boxes for supplies.
- Virginia Rural Health Association - \$350 for Creating Connections.
- Ebenezer Lutheran Church – \$50 for One Day at a Time Resource Boxes for supplies meals and supplies.
- Ammi’s Barber Shop - \$150 for One Day at a Time Resource Boxes for supplies.
- Art League of Marion - \$200 for C3 Recover for meals.
- Tammy Bise – \$50 for C3 Recovery Class for meals.
- Ginny Moorer – \$50 for C3 Recovery Class for meals.
- Shirley Lockhart – \$50 for Creating Connections for meals.
- Sally Moorer – \$75 towards Creating Connections for meals.
- Wytheville Ruritan Club – \$500 for the agency toward “Christmas Cheer.”
- Spectrum Designs – \$36 towards Crisis Care for coffee.
- J. A. Street – \$75 toward Crisis Care for a biscuit platter.

MOTION: Ms. Kathy Cole moved that the Board accept the donations as presented.

The motion, seconded by Ms. Kathy Havens, passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual By-Law Review

Mr. Gerald Goad, Chairperson, introduced Mr. Nick Mirra, Attorney from WoodRogers Law Firm. Mr. Mirra presented updates to the Annual Board By-Laws to the Policy, Planning, and Evaluation Committee, including changes within the membership requirements and other updates to meet compliance with the Code of Virginia, for Board review and approval.

MOTION: Ms. Joanne Groseclose, Chairperson, moved to approve the amended and restated Annual By-Laws as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Budget and Finance Committee Report

1. Ms. Patty Belcher presented the financial statement for November 30, 2024 and December 31, 2024 for Board review and approval.

MOTION: On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Ms. Susie Dixon Garner, Chairperson, moved that the Board accept the financial statements for November 30, 2024, and December 31, 2024, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Ms. Belcher presented the FY2025-2026 Local Budget Match Request draft proposal letter that will be submitted to six localities for the upcoming fiscal year. The recommendation includes a request for a 10% match as required by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services based on Virginia Code Section 37.2-509.

MOTION: On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Ms. Susie Dixon Garner, Chairperson, moved that the Board accept the FY2025-2026 Local Budget Match Request information as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Ms. Belcher announced the Agency received two funding notifications from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the State Opioid Response (SOR) IV Prevention Program.
4. Ms. Belcher reported the Agency has been awarded funding from the American Electric Power Foundation in the amount of \$20,000 to be used for the Peer Recovery Center.

C. 2025 Board Meeting Schedule

Ms. Kayla Fisher presented the 2025 Board meeting schedule.

MOTION: Ms. Susie Dixon Garner, moved to accept the 2025 Board meeting schedule as presented.

The motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Viars, passed unanimously.

D. Nominating Committee Report/Election of Officers – 2025

Ms. Joanne Groseclose reviewed the recommendations for the election of officers for FY2025. The slate of officers was presented as follows:

Mr. Gerald Goad – Chairperson
Ms. Kathy Havens – Vice-Chairperson
Ms. Susie Dixon Garner – Secretary
Ms. Jo Viars – Treasurer
Ms. Sandy Worrell – Member at Large

MOTION: Ms. Kathy Cole moved to accept the slate of officers as presented.

The motion, seconded by Ms. Michelle DeBord, passed unanimously.

E. Chief Executive Officer Report

Ms. Sandy Bryant and Mr. Logan Nester, Director of Marketing and Communications, presented information on legislative changes with the 14c Certificate that impacts the individuals working at the Employment Support Services Program and shared updates from the recently attended state legislative session held in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Nester shared information with legislators including the Agency's 2023-2024 Annual Report highlighting growth in services for individuals and requested legislative consideration for support to specific House and Senate Bills, and budget priorities. Additionally, an invitation has been extended to our local state legislators to attend a Disability Employment Summit that will be held in April at the Employment Support Services Program (ESS) in Wytheville. Mr. Nester commented that the Board will be updated on any movement on specific House and Senate Bills affecting the agency.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Program and Administrative Monthly Reports

Ms. Samantha Crockett, Director of Behavioral Health Prevention and Wellness Services, announced the upcoming 2nd Annual Problem Gambling Prevention Conference that will be held March 19, 2025 at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon. The event is dedicated to raising awareness and offering crucial insights into preventing problem gambling, and issues that affect individuals, families, and communities. Board Members can register for free using the promo code MRCSPG2025.

- Program – Veteran Services – Samantha Crockett

Ms. Samantha Crockett introduced Mr. Anthony Craver, Veteran Navigator, who shared highlights of Veteran Services provided to veterans within all service areas of the agency, including Support Services, Advocating Needs of veterans, Fishing for Vets Program, Supply and Harm Reduction Kits, Revive Training, and Suicide Prevention Workshops for veterans.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Joanne Groseclose entertained a motion to move into closed session.

MOTION: Ms. Kathy Havens moved that the Mount Rogers Community Services Board convene a closed meeting under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act in order to discuss a Personnel matter for the purpose of evaluating the job performance of the Chief Executive Officer under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1).

The motion, seconded by Ms. Michelle DeBord, passed unanimously.

Ms. Groseclose entertained a motion to move into public session.

MOTION: Ms. Susie Dixon Garner moved to reconvene into public session.

The motion, seconded by Ms. Sandy Worrell, passed unanimously.

After reconvening into open session, the Board certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Executive Session were discussed in the Executive Session.

MOTION: Based on the discussion in the Executive Session, Ms. Susie Dixon Garner moved to approve the performance evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer as presented.

The motion, seconded by Ms. Jo Viars, passed unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on the motion of Ms. Kathy Havens and seconded by Ms. Betsy Shearin, which passed unanimously.

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Susie Dixon Garner

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Ms. Susie Dixon Garner, Secretary