

MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICES

July 24, 2023

Minutes

The Mount Rogers Community Services Board of Directors met in-person on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the new PATH Crisis Stabilization Unit located at 4419 East Lee Highway, Max Meadows, Virginia.

PRESENT:

Ms. Barbara Bartnik
Ms. Mary Coulson
Ms. Michelle DeBord
Ms. Susie Dixon Garner
Ms. Joanne Groseclose
Ms. Sandy Worrell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Kathy Cole
Mr. Gerald Goad
Ms. Kathy Havens
Ms. Susie Jennings
Mr. Kris Ratliff
Ms. Betsy Shearin
Ms. Susan Sneed

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Patty Belcher
Ms. Sandy Bryant
Ms. Kathy Cressel
Ms. Kayla Fisher
Mr. Bob Gordon
Ms. Wendy Gullion
Ms. Lakesha Mayes
Mr. Bobby Miglani
Ms. Rita Viars

OTHERS:

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Ms. Groseclose offered a moment of silence for the reflection of thoughts for others.

III. APPROVAL OF June 26, 2023, MINUTES

Due to the lack of a quorum no vote was taken. Ms. Joanne Groseclose, Chairperson, recommended the June 26, 2023, minutes be presented at the August 29, 2023, meeting for Board approval.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

Ms. Kayla Fisher, Coordinator of Executive Operations, announced that the Agency has received numerous donations totaling \$5,770.93 for the months of May and June, including:

- Walmart of Wytheville – \$25 gift card to Employment Support Services for July 4th celebration.
- Food City of Wytheville – \$57.93 – Hot dog and hamburger buns to Employment Support Services for July 4th celebration.
- KJ Holbrook – \$300 for hygiene, household, and kitchen items for the Lighthouse facility

Prevention and Wellness Services – May In-Kind Donations

- First United Methodist Church – \$250 for One Day at a Time resource box supplies
- Ammi’s Barbershop – \$105 for One Day at a Time resource box supplies
- Art League of Marion – \$200 for meals for Creating Connections Class
- The Henderson – \$20 for space for Creating Connections Class
- Mona Greer – \$103 for materials and time for Creating Connections Class
- Rosewood Florist – \$50 for materials for Creating Connections Class
- Ebenezer Lutheran Church – \$160 for food for the CHATS and Wellness Workshop for Emory and Henry School of Health Sciences

Prevention and Wellness June In-Kind Donations:

- First United Methodist Church – \$250 for One Day at a Time resource box supplies
- Ammi’s Barbershop – \$105 for One Day at a Time resource box supplies
- John and Beth Graham – One Day at a Time Resource Box Supplies
- Art League of Marion – \$200 for meals for Creating Connections Class
- The Henderson – \$20 for space for Creating Connections Class

- Eddie Day-Day of Sound Productions – \$800 for the sound system for the 5 Bridges Wellness Fair
- Hungry Mother State Park – \$1,075 for rental of the Lakeview Event Center for the 5 Bridges Wellness Fair
- The Bank of Marion – \$600 for sponsored kids’ area for the 5 Bridges Wellness Fair
- Courtney Umbarger – Iris’ Place Airbnb – \$350 for accommodations for out-of-town vendors attending the 5 Bridges Wellness Fair
- Sally and Glenn Moorer – \$350 for sponsored vendor travel and food for 5 Bridges Wellness Fair
- Healing Hands Health Center – \$550 for toothbrush kits for resource boxes

Due to the lack of a quorum no vote was taken. Ms. Joanne Groseclose, Chairperson, recommended the acceptance of donations be presented at the August 29, 2023, meeting for Board approval.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget and Finance Committee Report

1. Ms. Patty Belcher presented the June 30, 2023, financial statement for Board review.

Due to the lack of a quorum, no vote was taken. On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Ms. Susie Dixon Garner, Chairperson, recommended the financial statement for June 30, 2023, be presented at the August 29, 2023, meeting for Board approval.

2. Ms. Belcher announced that the FY2024 Community Services Performance Contract has been submitted to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, including a letter requesting a 5% waiver exception to the 10% matching funds requirement for FY2024. Additionally, the performance contract has been sent to each of the six localities for approval.
3. Ms. Belcher reported on the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority funding awarded to the Agency in the amount of \$1M through our partnership with all six localities served. Smyth County has agreed to serve as the fiscal agent. Funds will be used to develop a men’s Peer Recovery House and with the collaboration of a non-profit organization, provide Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for individuals, and expand Office-Based Addition Treatment (OBAT) Services across all six jurisdictions.

4. Ms. Sandy Bryant has been invited by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to attend a press conference in Charlottesville, Virginia. The Agency has applied for a USDA Emergency Rural Health Care Grant in the amount of \$5M be used to develop a Peer Center, expand counseling, and combine the Smyth Crisis Stabilization Unit and Crisis Receiving Center under one roof. The \$11M construction project, located in Smyth County, is anticipated to be completed in three years.

B. Board Governance Survey

Ms. Kayla Fisher, Coordinator of Executive Operations, announced that the Annual Board Governance Survey has been sent to each Board member to be completed by July 31, 2023, through the Survey Monkey. Responses to this survey are anonymous and solely for the purpose of documenting that our Board membership reflects the communities and populations of individuals served by Mount Rogers Community Services.

C. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Sandy Bryant presented an overview of the 2024 – 2026 Strategic Plans and Goals for the Agency over the next three years.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Program and Administrative Monthly Reports

1. Human Resources Department

- Mr. Bob Gordon, Chief Human Resources Officer, reported on the two-day New Supervisory Training held July 12 – 13, 2023 with twelve new supervisors.

2. Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Services

- Ms. Wendy Gullion, Chief Residential Officer, reported that the Office of Licensing plans to conduct a walk-through of the Mountain Retreat Group Home on July 27, 2023. A soft opening of the new group home will be held with social media coverage.

3. Prevention and Wellness Services

- Ms. Samantha Crockett, Chief Prevention and Wellness Officer, reported on the successful 5 Bridges Wellness Fair held at Hungry Mother State Park recently with 2,500 in attendance and ninety vendors providing resources, including free haircuts, food banks, and various activities for youth.

4. Medical Services

- Dr. Bobby Miglani, Chief Medical Officer, updated the Board on the Medical Services Department which includes five Psychiatrists, twelve Nurse Practitioners, and forty Registered Nurses. Dr. Milgani commented that medical staff meetings are held once per month and extended an invitation to the Board Members to attend a medical staff meeting, either in-person or via zoom.

5. Employment Support Services (ESS)

- Mr. Richie Pack, Chief Manufacturing Officer, reported that key positions are being filled in the Employment Support Services (ESS) and the work for the Employment Support Services (ESS) continues to grow.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Following the meeting, a ribbon cutting ceremony would be held to celebrate the Open House of the PATH Crisis Stabilization Unit.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Ms. Joanne Groseclose which passed unanimously.

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Mr. Gerald Goad, Secretary