

MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICES

February 23, 2026

Minutes

The Mount Rogers Community Services Board of Directors met on Monday, February 23, 2026, 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. Susie Dixon Garner
Ms. Tammy Terry
Ms. Michelle DeBord
Ms. Susan Clark
Ms. Joanne Groseclose
Ms. Kathy Havens
Ms. Kristyna Lathem
Ms. Sandy Worrell
Ms. Rebecca Taylor- Teams
Ms. Sandra Venzie
Mr. Patton Graham
Mr. Kris Ratliff

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Christin Long
Ms. Betsy Shearin

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Sandy Bryant
Ms. Patty Belcher
Mr. Shaun Charles
Ms. Kathy Cressel
Ms. Samantha Crockett
Ms. Laura Davis
Ms. Kayla Fisher
Ms. Wendy Gullion
Ms. KJ Holbrook
Ms. Lakesha Mayes
Mr. Richie Pack
Ms. Dedra Helbert
Ms. Laura Beth Morgan
Ms. Ginny Moorner
Ms. Kim Woodlee
Ms. Emilie Perez
Mr. Jeff Repass
Mr. Lee Gray
Mr. Nathan Totten
Mr. Bryne Worley
Mr. Wayne Bedsaul
Mr. Kevin Smelser
Mr. Michael Duncan
Ms. Lorrie Mitchell

OTHERS:

Ms. Barbara Bartnik

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Susie Dixon Garner, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Ms. Dixon Garner 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. CITIZEN'S TIME

None.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF November 24, 2025 MINUTES

The minutes of November 24, 2025, were approved with a correction of Sandy Clark to Susan Clark on the second page, on the motion of Ms. Kathy Havens and seconded by Ms. Sandy Worrell. The motion passed unanimously.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

Ms. Kayla Fisher, Director of Executive Office Operations, announced the agency had received various donations for November 2025, December 2025 and January 2026 for a total of \$29,673.17:

AA Environmental - \$250 – Giving Tuesday
Accellacare - \$2,000 – Furniture
Ammi's Barber Shop - \$450 – One Day at A Time Resource Boxes
Barbara Bartnik - \$500 – Giving Tuesday
Blue Ridge Bobcats - \$19.05 – Tickets
Blue Ridge Bobcats - \$17,280 – Teddy Bear Throw Donations
Blue Ridge Bobcats - \$466.72 – Concession Donations
Brookside Baptist Church - \$500 – Creating Connections
Ebenezer Lutheran Church - \$150 – One Day at A Time Resource Boxes
First United Methodist Church - \$750 – One Day at A Time Resource Boxes
Glenn Moorer - \$220 – Creating Connections
Grayson Free Market - \$177 – Furniture
Janice Lewis - \$80 – Angel Tree
KJ Holbrook - \$50 – Giving Tuesday
Laura Morgan - \$25 – Giving Tuesday
Lincoln Theatre - \$900 – Facility Rental and Snack Donations for CHATS
Mountain Power Washing - \$750 – Galax Golf Tournament Sponsorship
Pyramid Healthcare - \$500 – Galax Golf Tournament Sponsorship
Shirley Lockhart - \$150 – Creating Connections
Salley Moorer - \$150 – Creating Connections

Smyth Career & Technical Center - \$132 – Smyth Peer Center Food Drive Donation
Southwest Virginia Settler’s Museum - \$1931.40 – Facility Rental/Materials/Volunteers for
Appalachian Arts Recovery
Tammy Fritiz - \$100 – Giving Tuesday
The Henderson - \$500 – Facility Rental for Creating Connections

MOTION: Ms. Joanne Groseclose moved that the Board accept the donations for November, December and January, as presented.

The motion, seconded by Ms. Susan Clark, passed unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chief Executive Officer’s Report

1. February CEO Choice Team of the Month Award was given to the Building and Ground teams for their commitment and hard work during the last two weather events.
2. January Employee Excellence Award was given to Ginny Moorner, Program Manager of Trauma Informed Wellness. She was recognized for her positive outlook and the impact her program was making on the community and the individuals that we serve.
3. February Employee Excellence Award was given to Emilie Perez, Sub-Relief Crisis Counselor I. She was recognized for packing her belongings and coming to stay at the Crisis Receiving Center for an extended period of time during the two recent weather events.

B. Nominating Committee/Election of 2026 Officers

1. Ms. Joanne Groseclose presented that there was a change to the slate of recommended officers due to a board member not being reappointed for the 2026 term. The new slate of recommendations were Chairperson, Ms. Susie Dixon Garner; Vice Chairperson, Ms. Sandy Worrell; Secretary, Ms. Betsy Shearin; Treasurer, Ms. Kristyna Lathem; Member at Large, Ms. Kathy Havens; Ex Officio Past Chair, Joanne Groseclose on behalf of the nominating committee.

MOTION: Mr. Patton Graham moved that the Board approve the nominates for the positions and elect the slate of officers:

- Chairperson – Ms. Susie Dixon Garner
- Vice Chairperson – Ms. Sandy Worrell
- Secretary – Ms. Betsy Shearin
- Treasurer – Ms. Kristyna Lathem
- Member at Large – Ms. Kathy Havens
- Ex Officio Past Chair – Ms. Joanne Groseclose

The motion, seconded by Ms. Susan Clark, passed unanimously.

C. Budget and Finance Committee Report

1. Ms. Patty Belcher presented the financial statement for January 2026, for Board review and approval.

MOTION: On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Ms. Joanne Groseclose, Acting Chairperson, moved that the Board accept the financial statement for January 2026, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Ms. Patty Belcher presented the local match letters that were sent to all localities in our catchment area as required by Virginia Code 37.2-509.

MOTION: On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Ms. Joanne Groseclose, Acting Chairperson, moved that the Board approve the local requests.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Ms. Patty Belcher presented the audited financial reports, which resulted in an unqualified opinion.

MOTION: On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Ms. Joanne Groseclose, Acting Chairperson, moved that the Board approve the audited financial report.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. 2026 Board Meeting Schedule

Ms. Kayla Fisher, Director of Executive Office Operations presented a schedule for the board to meet on the fourth Monday of each month with the exception of dispensing the April and December board meeting due to conference date conflicts and Christmas holiday; and having the May board meeting on the second Monday of the month to avoid Memorial Day.

MOTION: Ms. Sandy Worrell, moved that the Board approve the proposed 2026 meeting schedule

The motion, seconded by Ms. Susan Clark, passed unanimously.

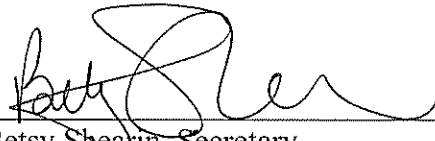
VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Program and Administrative Monthly Reports

Ms. Wendy Gullion, Chief Residential Officer, presented information on agency Assisted Living Facility and Group Homes. She provided an overview of the significant medical complexities of individuals residing in the group homes and detailed the integration efforts for both the group homes and the assisted living facility, including participation in community events and engagement in employment activities. Ms. Laura Beth Morgan, Coordinator of Service Facilitation and Sponsored Residential, provided an overview of the agency's Sponsored Residential Program, outlining the credentialing process, the method by which individuals are matched with a home, the requirements established for each home, and the ongoing communication her team maintains with homes and individuals, including regular site visits.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Betsy Shearin", written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Betsy Shearin, Secretary