

# MEETING MINUTES

## TASK FORCE

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Date: August 28, 2025

Time: 1:00 pm

Meeting called to order by: David Parker

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### IN ATTENDANCE

S. Baker, E. Bennett, T. Bennett, M. Evick, B. Frye, L. Hall, T. Jones, L. Kaye, L. Kerns, J. Kerns-Galloway, R. Marsteller, K. Ours, B. Pace, D. Parker, J. Powers, K. Shreve, A. Starkey, S. Trudell, S. Wilson, S. Tolson, H. Jones, S. Lee, S. Ryan, M. Morici, D. Moran, I. Barsy, and D. Barsy.

### AGENDA DISCUSSION

- What is the Availability of beds in treatment facilities?
  - 403 – 1,277 total: 198 available - waitlist
- Are there Reliable transportation arrangements?
  - Still largely a barrier
  - Some resources in the PRSS network
  - DM hospital received a grant for transportation but it is not currently being used.
  - Celebrate Recovery will be purchasing a van for the purpose of transporting individuals to and from treatment.
- Do we need additional PRSS? - YES!
  - Need PEERs with mental health and substance abuse certifications
  - Need availability in the community, would need to have an RN attached as well
  - Will focus on PEERs at the next meeting
    - Before next meeting:
      - Identify organizations to connect PEERs to
      - Identify places to get the 500 required volunteer hours
- Sober Living Homes update:
  - Ally's Hope
    - Working to get the house renovated
    - Looking to be ready toward the end of October
    - 10 women can be housed when open
      - Already have a waitlist
    - Will have open house/ribbon cutting when ready
    - Hope to get a grant for a part-time PEER
      - Need some time relief for House Manager
  - Other news on sober living houses?
    - Lighthouse Recovery Home
    - WV Sober Living will be opening the Justice impacted home for men
      - Plan to open by the end of the month
      - Located in Morgantown

### REPORTS

- CAV – Centers Against Violence
  - Beds available
- ST. Jose
  - New process for triage and remission intakes
    - Will hopefully catch more people during the intake process
  - Increased staff training on stigma, and disease
- Jobs & Hope
  - 106 active participants
    - Recovery
    - Employment

- WV Prevention Solutions
  - Some upcoming projects with the schools
  - Geofencing project
- United Way
  - Lost funding for AmeriCorp
  - Day of Action Sept 5
- RTCAC – Randolph-Tucker Children’s Advocacy Center
  - Strengthened prevention awareness and community engagement
  - Team is acquiring more training
  - 120 kids in program each year
- Catholic Charities
  - Food Pantry - Needs donations
  - Emergency Assistance - Partnering with other churches in the area
  - Service Needs
    - Need transportation services
    - Need Assistance with security deposits and rent
- EUCCC/Church in the park
  - Friday Meal at Refinery church, Sunday and Wednesday Mean in Park
  - Working to start food pantry
- WV Sober living/PRSS
  - Recover Kick of in Charleston Sunday August 31 - Family oriented
  - Save A life Day Sept 25 – 9:00am – 6:00pm
    - Will have a band from 5-6
  - Have taken Narcan to “tent cities”
- Lighthouse Community Recovery
  - Some beds available
- WV Department of Health
  - Focused on bringing care to vulnerable communities
  - Unable to transport as state workers
  - Can do point of care rapid testing
    - Do not have tests in hand – waiting on state to send supply
  - Offer safe sex supplies
- RCFRN – Randolph County Family Resource Network
  - Food Trucks
  - Baby Pantry
  - Working on Community Training
    - Mandated reporting
    - CPR Classes
  - Always need Volunteers
  - Monthly community Membership meeting
- Davis Medical
  - 9 sent to treatment both mental health and substance abuse
  - Have ambulance for treatment transport
- Appalachian Community Health Center
  - All beds full in Map program
  - Working to get a child psychologist on staff
- Celebrate Recovery
  - Plan to require attendance at celebrate recovery on Fridays to receive a blessing bag.
- First Choice Services
  - 17 people taken to treatment or shelters
  - 4 overdose deaths
  - Saturday, candlelight vigil for overdose deaths
  - Run for It event
  - Our House
    - Will be starting new program by the end of the year
      - Can hire people to get hours for certifications

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be September 24, 1:00pm at the Phil Gainer Community Center. This will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday as the normal meeting date of the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday is Save a Life Day.