

MEETING MINUTES

TASK FORCE

Date: January 22, 2026

Time: 1:05 pm

Meeting called to order by: Dave Parker

IN ATTENDANCE

S. Baker, T. Bennett, C. Champ, M. Goins, L. Hall, S. Hedrick, M. Jeffries, T. Jones, L. Kerns, J. Kittle, R. Marsteller, S. Marteney, A. Morris, D. Parker, K. Shreve, A. Starkey, S. Trudell, and T. Zirkle.

AGENDA DISCUSSION

- Grant Status Update
 - Housing Authority
 - Section 8 list frozen
 - 2 workers training programs are ending
- Elkins Warming Shelter
 - Refinery Church (Seneca Mall) warming shelter operational
 - Plan to open Friday evening, 1/23
 - Plan to have it available for next week
 - Volunteers have 3-hour shifts
 - Looking for more volunteers
 - Warming Station in Montrose
 - Located in community building by the park

REPORTS

- CIT Class February 24th
 - Need 2 speakers to speak to the class
 - 1 who works closely with the homeless community
 - 1 who has experienced homelessness
 - Email Mikayla Goins if you are interested
- S. Baker
 - 5-year research grant through WVU to implement the Icelandic Model statewide
- CAC
 - Body Safety training in the schools
- Jobs & Hope
 - Day of Hope January 20, 2026
 - Big success
 - January 29th at Mountain Cap
 - 10-2
 - Giving away free materials for the homeless
 - Black Balloon
 - Coming up next month
- Appalachian Community Health
 - DUI class starting soon
 - Open enrollment

- DHHR
 - LEAP program begins February 2
- Housing Authority
 - Need mental health resources for clients
 - Transition house operations are being paused
 - Needs to be relocated
 - Work Force Training Programs
 - Medical assistance program beginning in March
 - Wood Tech Course program beginning in April
- Catholic Charities
 - Dollar Energy Funds are low
 - Food pantry numbers are up
- Community Care
 - Expanded treatment options
- FRN
 - Baby pantry Feb 13
 - Community Agencies can set up tables
 - Food Truck Feb 26 at Camp Pioneer
 - Need Volunteers
 - Community Baby Shower March 21
 - Child Abuse Prevention Month – April
 - April – Trainings Every Tuesday
 - Disaster Case Management Training Program
 - Likely will not happen until Summer or Fall
 - Hiring Program Assistant ASAP
 - Part Time Position
- CAV
 - April Event
 - Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 - Partnering with Art Center to have an art gallery
 - Looking for survivors to submit artwork
 - Shelter is full
 - Actively hiring – multiple positions
 - Jobs posted on Indeed
- WV Sober Livings Solution
 - Accepting applications for PEER classes
 - Class starting in April
 - Looking to have a “Life Skills” training next month
 - February Class on Taxes
- Code Enforcement
 - More dangerous houses are set to be demolished

NEXT MEETING

Public Forum: February 12, 2026, 6:00 pm at the Phil Gainer Community Center.

Monthly Meeting: February 26, 2026, 1:00 pm at the Phil Gainer Community Center.