

REGIONAL TASK FORCE – PUBLIC FORUM

Location: Phil Gainer Community Center
Date: February 12, 2026
Time: 6:00 pm
Meeting called to order by: Dave Parker

IN ATTENDANCE

D. Parker, J. Marco, T. Bennett, M. Jeffries, J. Kittle, Dr. S. Lloyd, J. Barker, D. Taylor, and M Goins.

AGENDA DISCUSSION

- Updates provided on local efforts to combat drug addiction and prevention efforts.
 - Josh Barker, Attorney General's Office.
 - Dr. Stephen Lloyd, Addiction Medicine.
 - Chief Bennett, Elkins Police Department.
 - Currently sitting on Grant review board for the West Virginia First Foundation Region 4
 - Markie Jeffries, PRSS/Jobs & Hope WV.
 - WV Sober Living is offering PEER training courses.
 - Visit www.westvirginiasoberliving.com/wv-peers/ for more information.
 - Dave Parker, Task Force Chair.
 - Scott Baker will be participating in a Grant funded research program to implement the Icelandic model in West Virginia.
 - The Icelandic model is aimed at combatting addiction by implementing prevention resources with students.
 - For more information visit www.pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC6918020/
 - Mayor Marco, City of Elkins.
 - Vice President of WV Municipal week, coordinating with Mayors and Cities across the state to combat addiction, homelessness and mental illness.
 - Shelby Wilson, Ally's Hope sober living home.
 - 10 bed Sober living home for women.
 - Faith based program

NEXT MEETING

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