

REGIONAL TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS, ADDICTION, AND MENTAL HEALTH

Location: Phil Gainer Community Center
Date: March 26, 2026
Time: 1:00 pm
Meeting called to order by: Dave Parker

IN ATTENDANCE

E. Bennett, T. Bennett, M. Goins, A. Hammond, L. Hall, M. Jeffries, L. Kerns, J. Kittle, J. Marco, S. Marteney, D. Parker, M. Payne, S. Pennington, J. Powers, J. Rahming, A. Starkey, & S. Trudell.

AGENDA DISCUSSION

- a. Grant Cycle Opening June 1
 - o West Virginia First Foundation
 - Catalyst Grant
 - Past grant cycle had Region 4 as the 2nd highest funded after Region 5
- b. Statewide Needs Assessment April 20
 - o West Virginia First Foundation must conduct assessments on each region
 - Researchers meet with the expert panel for each region
 - Pass on any needs you would like brought up to Chief Bennett tbennett@cityofelkinswv.gov
- c. Mental Health Services
 - o WV Sober Living
 - Starting therapy for Juveniles within the next month
 - Available in Morgantown, Charleston and over Telehealth
 - Therapy for all needs; addiction, mental disorders, abuse recovery etc.
 - o Youth Health Services
 - o WVU Medicine
 - Potential future expansion area
 - o Valley Health
 - o Appalachian Community Health Center
- d. Transportation for Treatment Purposes
 - o S. Pennington
 - Willing to assist with transportation
 - o Mode of Care
 - Help people become contract drivers
 - o Refinery Church
 - 2 people who are willing to assist with transportation
 - o Seed Sower & Routes to Recovery
 - Looking to expand into the area but need by in

REPORTS

- a. Are there any other local partners that should be invited to the Task Force?
 - o Youth Health Services
- b. What trends are you seeing for supporting your areas?
 - o More people accessing vacant structures
 - Structure owners fail to properly secure the properties
 - o More people utilizing food give aways
 - Services being reduced
 - o Services that were providing free training have been losing their funding

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- United Way
 - o Community Needs assessment

- One Unique Recovery House
 - May 2 – SIGMA Day
 - HIV Testing
 - Food trucks
 - Games
 - June 13 – Community Concert
 - Featuring several local bands
 - Band formed by former residents
- Community Care
 - Buckhannon and Clarksburg locations
 - Offering Intensive Outpatient Program (Flyer Attached)
 - Paxtools for New Beginnings Training – April 21 (Flyer Attached)

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting April 23rd, 1:00 pm at the Phil Gainer Community Center.

- Please bring any transportation contact information to the next meeting



Tygart Valley
UNITED WAY

tvuw.us/survey



**IMAGINE A THRIVING
COMMUNITY.**

Now Help Create It.

Take the Thriving Community Survey!

ADD YOUR VOICE TO A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Randolph County

March 26, 2026

WV Wood Tech Ctr
10 11th St- Elkins

Marion County

April 8, 2026

Marion County CVB
1000 Cole St- Fairmont

Taylor County

April 22, 2026

Grafton Health Dept
718 W. Main St- Grafton

Barbour County

April 24, 2026

Golden Rule Building
122 Crim Ave- Belington

Tucker County

April 29, 2026

Five Rivers Library
301 Walnut St- Parsons

*All conversations take
place from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.



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UNITED WAY

Community Care Connections of West Virginia

Intensive Outpatient Program

Community Care Connections offers an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) for those dealing with substance use disorder who need an intense approach to treatment.

About IOP

Our Intensive Outpatient Program is a 6-week substance use treatment program that utilizes a variety of weekly individual and group treatment sessions.

IOP uses the Matrix Model for addiction treatment, which is designed to help people stay in treatment and achieve long-term abstinence from substance use. The program promotes positive and healthy changes to a person's thoughts and behaviors to improve their self-esteem, dignity, and self-worth, which can support them in their recovery from substance use. IOP uses evidence-based treatments, such as cognitive behavioral therapy, 12-step facilitation therapy, relapse prevention training, and more.

For more information about IOP or to sign up for the program, call **304-473-2250**.

If you or someone you know is dealing with substance use, contact us at 304-473-2250 or visit www.CCWV.org.



Community Care of West Virginia is partnering with PAXIS Institute to offer unique training opportunities for women's treatment and recovery communities throughout West Virginia.

What is PAX Tools?

PAX Tools® consists of a menu of trauma-informed evidence-based strategies that help improve relationships, collaboration, and self-efficacy. These strategies are easy to integrate into daily routines and help create a nurturing environment for women in recovery and the staff who work with them. Additionally, participants will be able to use PAX Tools with their young people to improve self-regulation, build prosocial skills, and reduce conflict.

What is PAX Tools for New Beginnings?

PAX Tools for New Beginnings trains staff and women in recovery together in how to use PAX strategies in the recovery setting and with the young people in their lives.

Who Should Attend?

Organizations that might train staff and women in recovery include:

- Residential Rehab & Recovery Centers
- Outpatient Treatment Programs
- Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHPs)
- And Others!

About PAX Tools Trainings

Trainings are available both for women in recovery and the staff who work with them, and participants will receive all the materials needed to implement PAX right away. After training, PAXIS will offer tailored virtual sessions for sites to support implementation.

Use the QR Code to register for this training today:



Join us for a PAX Tools for New Beginnings Training!

Date: Tuesday April 21st, 2026

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Location: CareXpress Buckhannon
77 W. Main Street, Buckhannon, WV 26201



Spring Fling

April | **11** | Saturday
11a-1p

Free Event

Rotary Amphitheater in Town Square
315 Railroad Avenue, Elkins, WV 26241

Join us for a community resource fair,
door prizes, and more!

Randolph County



FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

A YHS program brought to you by funding by the DoHS Bureau for Family Assistance





2026

FOOD GIVEAWAY

Location: Randolph County

Address: Camp Pioneer Park
Beverly, WV 26253

*Across from Camp Pioneer next
to Dakan Arena

Date: Thursday April 16

Time: 10am-11:30am

FUTURE DATES:

- Thursday, June 25th
- Thursday, August 20th
- Thursday, October 22nd
- Thursday, December 17th

WHILE
SUPPLIES
LAST

****ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

For date inquiries, please check Randolph County Family Resource
Network's Facebook or call (304) 636-4454.

Visit mountaineerfoodbank.org/mobile-pantry for the full schedule
484 Enterprise Drive, Gassaway, WV 26624 | 304-364-5518



Free

ATTENTION

Free

You are invited to attend a webinar presented by Legal Aid of WV to provide information on Legal Decision-Making Options.

April 30, 2026, 1:30 PM EST

Registration URL <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5089986125112719196>

Webinar ID 864-899-147

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar, as well as a reminder the day before the webinar. **If the link does not open, right-click it and select Open Link.**

Areas covered by Legal Aid of WV

- Capacity and Competency
- Health Care Surrogacy
- Power of Attorney
- Medical Power of Attorney
- Guardianship
- Conservatorship and Payeeship

Who can benefit:

- Community Service Providers
- Community Mental Health agencies
- DHHR Service Providers
- Families and caregivers
- All Agencies that work with West Virginia residents
- General Public

Presenters are:

- Suzanne Messenger - West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services
- Russell Cook - Legal Aid of WV
- James Lindsay - Legal Aid of WV
- Moderators: Nancy Fry & Tammy Ketchem - Legal Aid of WV

[QR CODE: SCAN TO REGISTER](#)



Every woman deserves healing.
Every family deserves support.

No matter where you
are in life, we got you!



The
Healing House

WHERE HEALING HAPPENS



Looking for
compassionate support?

We provide compassionate care
for trauma and PTSD, life
transitions, depression and anxiety,
relationship and family challenges,
grief, substance use and
behavioral addictions, and more.

Schedule your FREE consultation
online at TheHealingHouseInc.org.

Healing House Partners



BridgeValley
Community and
Technical College



Human Resource
Development
Foundation



NATIONAL BANK
City National Bank



Goodwill Industries of
Kanawha Valley, Inc.

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Providing an
innovative holistic
approach to healing,
and a fresh take on life
after trauma!

Meet Our Founders

Michael D. Austin, II

Michael D. Austin II is a Charleston native and the Founder and CEO of VPN World, a digital software company.

Michael has an extensive background in finance.

Michael has over two decades of service in the corporate industry and has been blessed to work at the highest level in the banking and accounting arena. Michael has a

strong desire and passion to give back to the next generation. Michael currently serves as an education specialist working with growth and development of at-risk youth. Michael has a genuine love for helping others become the best version of themselves.



Nakia Austin, MA LPC

Nakia Austin, a native of Cleveland, Ohio is the Founder and CEO of Nakia Austin Coaching and Inspirations, LLC.

Nakia is an Inspirational Speaker, Professional Counselor, and Certified Life Coach offering over 15 years of experience in strategic thinking and tactical approaches to

overcoming adversity. Nakia has been blessed to speak on local and national platforms, sharing her message of healing and hope. As the self-proclaimed "Trauma Queen," she is also passionate about educating trauma survivors on the importance of healing and self-worth.



Grow With Us

Therapy & Support Services

The Healing House, Inc. provides compassionate therapy for women and families working through trauma and life challenges, with personalized support to meet real-life needs along the way.

About Our Staff

Our clinicians aren't just experts — they're people who truly care. From licensed therapists to trauma-informed coaches, our team brings both skill and heart to every session. We meet you where you are, walk with you through the hard stuff, and help you find your way back to healing and hope.



Who We Work With

- **Women & Girls:** Healing starts here—because you deserve peace, purpose, and joy.
- **Couples:** Grow together with grace, understanding, and love that lasts.
- **Families:** Stronger connections - Healthier homes.

What Type of Therapy We Offer:

We offer virtual and in-person services.

- Internal Family Systems (IFS)
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Therapy (EMDR)
- Person-Centered
- Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)

*Daytime, evening, and weekend sessions available

CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



GET YOUR
TICKETS
NOW

Champions for Children

17.APRIL.2026

PARSONS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.
PARSONS, WV

DINNER | AWARDS | LIVE AUCTION

Every ticket purchased supports Randolph Tucker CAC's Mission to support healing and justice for children and families who have been victimized by abuse.

CONTACT US | 304.630.2241 | WWW.RTCAC.ORG

Randolph County FRN Baby Pantry



April 10, 2026

10AM-4PM

Phil Gainer Community Center
142 Robert E. Lee Avenue Ext.

Free diapers, wipes, formula, and more!
Available to all Randolph County families
with children under the age of five.
All participants are welcome to the pantry once per month

304-636-4454 | randolphcountyfrn.com

Services provided by a grant from the West Virginia Department of Human Services,
Bureau for Family Assistance and Team for WV Partners in Prevention