



Roanoke Valley-Alleghany

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March 20th, 2024

The March 2024 meeting of the RVCR Advisory Committee will be held as follows:

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| <b>DATE:</b>     | <b>Wednesday, March 20th, 2024</b>   |
| <b>TIME:</b>     | <b>9:00 A.M.</b>   |
| <b>LOCATION:</b> | <b>Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission office<br/>(Top Floor Conference Room), 313 Luck Ave., SW, Roanoke, VA</b> |

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions..... *Chair Clark*
2. Approval of Consent Agenda ..... *Chair Clark*
  - Today’s agenda
  - Minutes of the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 CAC meeting
  - March 1<sup>st</sup> Work Session Attendance

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval of consent agenda, voice vote
3. Chair’s Remarks..... *Chair Clark*
4. Staff Updates... .. *Director Robert Natt*
5. RVCR Organization Study Update.....*Mary Beth Dunkenberger*
6. Update from March 1, 2024 Work Session.....*Chair Clark*

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Voice vote on any formal recommendations
7. Recovery Ecosystem Conference Update .....*Scott Weimer*
8. Other Business
9. Comments from Committee Members and/or the Public



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## 10. Adjournment

### **Public Input Policy**

“At the end of each Regional Commission meeting, the Commission will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half hour in length and each speaker will be asked to sign up and be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak.”

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## **MINUTES**

The February meeting of the Roanoke Valley Collective Response Collective's Advisory Committee (CAC) was held in person on Wednesday, February 14 at 9:00 a.m.

### **1. Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions**

Ms. Underwood called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

#### **VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING**

|                        |                                    |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Nancy Hans             | Partnership for Community Wellness |
| Cheri Hartman          | Carilion Clinic                    |
| Linda Hentschel        | Family Services                    |
| Letitia Hawkins-Beatty | Blue Ridge Behavioral Health       |
| Janine Underwood       | Bradley Free Clinic                |
| Jeremy Hartman         | City of Salem Fire EMS             |
| Cynthia Morrow         | Virginia Department of Health      |
| Christine Wright       | The HOPE Initiative                |

#### **VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT**

|              |                        |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Lee Clark    | Roanoke Rescue Mission |
| Scott Weimer | Virginia Tech          |

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

|                      |                                     |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Jeremy Holmes        | Executive Director, RVARC           |
| Robert Natt          | Director, RVCR, as acting Secretary |
| Bailey Helgeson      | Peer Recovery Coordinator, RVCR     |
| Dr. Joseph Rosenberg | Grant and Program Administrator     |

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## **2. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Consent Agenda approved
- B. RVCR CAC January 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** by Letitia Hawkins-Beatty to approve the consent agenda and minutes. The motion was seconded by Christine Wright.

**CAC ACTION:** Motion carried unanimously.

## **3. Remarks from the Chair**

Janine Underwood shared that Lee Clark was not in attendance due to personal matter. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family at this time.

## **4. Director Updates**

- Robert Natt welcomed to Dr. Rosenberg to the team. If you have not had an opportunity to do so we encourage you to do so.
- The February stakeholder meeting was successful, and we received positive feedback.
- We have scheduled sessions with Madeline Hanlon to discuss potential stakeholder projects for VOAA applications.
  - Ms. Underwood commented on the concern of communication to the organizations who are not in the room at stakeholder meetings. She asked if it can be published in the newsletter.
  - Ms. Hans expressed similar concerns. She included concerns on information on how to apply for funding with the City and County.
  - Mr. Natt has acknowledged that there needs to be work on the process of identifying opportunities and communicating that to the City and County. He discussed the guidance provide by Johns Hopkins University and offered to include that in the newsletter.



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- Ms. Wright asked if a program could be developed where the stakeholders could be present with the representatives from the City and County to ask them questions regarding funding from VOAA.
- Mr. Holmes explained the process of funding approval since it differs on regular disbursement since it is tied to a legal settlement.
- We received incredible feedback from the event on January 30<sup>th</sup> with the Commonwealth's Attorney and the First Lady of Virginia. Robert received an inquiry about potential financial support.

## **5. RVCR Organizational Study Update**

- Mary Beth provided a written update via email.

## **6. Bylaw Update**

- Mr. Natt has had several meetings with Mr. Holmes, Mr. Clark and Ms. Underwood about ways to accommodate more planning time for CAC meetings. The group discussed shifting the meeting cycle to address this request. The proposed Bylaw amendment shifts CAC meetings from the second Wednesday to the Third Wednesday of the month.

A motion was moved to approve the changes as written regarding the time of the meeting by Ms. Hartman. This was seconded by Ms. Wright.

## **7. March Retreat Planning**

- Ms. Underwood asked for volunteers to assist with planning a work session on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Ms. Hentschel, Ms. Hawkins-Beatty, Ms. Hans, and Ms. Wright volunteered to assist.

## **8. Recovery Ecosystem Conference Update**

- Not discussed, as Scott Weimer was not in attendance.



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## **9. Other Business**

- There were questions about the Asset mapping and how the Stakeholder's feedback will be incorporated into the project. Ms. Hans asked if we will be including all the areas of our catchment. It was asked how we include our rural localities. How do we protect ownership of the product resulting from the Asset mapping. Mr. Natt communicated this will be taken care of in the contract with Virginia Tech.
- Ms. Hans expressed concern that the word "prevention" was accidentally removed from the document. It needs to be placed back in the document to be consistent with SAMHSA and White House paradigm.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Robert Natt, Secretary  
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## **MINUTES**

A March work session of the Roanoke Valley Collective Response Collective's Advisory Committee (CAC) was held in person on Wednesday, March 1st at 10:00 a.m. at the Williamson Road Branch Library to discuss strategic planning.

### **1. Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions**

Mr. Clark called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

#### **MEMBERS ATTENDING**

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#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

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| Robert Natt | Director, RVCR, as acting Secretary |
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The session adjourned at 3:00pm.

Robert Natt, Secretary  
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