

**RECOVERY COMMUNITY COALITION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 27, 2017**

**On Monday, November 27, 2017, the regular meeting of the members of the Recovery Community Coalition was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Dale Trees, Chair, in the Upstairs Conference Room at City Hall, at 701 Main Street, Kerrville, Texas.**

**Members Present:**

Dale Trees, Chair  
Mary Ellen Summerlin, Councilmember  
Vincent Voelkel, Councilmember  
Claudia Richner  
Richard Stolpman  
Laura Godwin  
Blair Geisler  
Shawn Driggers  
Carol McCarrick  
Ross Robinson  
Steve Pautler

**Members Absent:**

Julie Wood, Vice-Chair  
Pamela Peter  
Dana Cardwell  
Cody Leicht

**City Executive Staff Present:**

Dannie Smith, Fire Chief  
Sabine Kuenzel, Chief Planner, City of Kerrville

**Visitors Present:**

Ron Kliesch  
Cody Grenwelge  
Dawn Elder  
Steve Wright – MyRide TX  
Donna Wright – MyRide TX  
Evan Wright – MyRide TX  
Karen Burkett – Kerr-Konnect  
Mike Burkett – Kerr-Konnect  
Pamela Raborn – LMSW/PRMC  
Kimber Falkenburg – Spread Hope Like Fire  
Desiree Free – Lotus Peer Recovery

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1A Approval of minutes October 2017 meeting

**2. MOBILITY / RIDE SHARE PRESENTATIONS:**

2A. Presentations from:

a. Kerr-Konnect

Karen and Mike Burkett went over a summary report that they handed out to the Coalition. Kerr-Konnect will be a non-profit that will provide rides at \$2.00 per trip leg with 48 hours' notice. Drivers will be volunteers, receive background check and subjected to a confidentiality policy. There will be an Alamo Area Transit interface with referrals to other sources of transportation. Kerr-Konnect is waiting for their approval of 501©3 status and should be up and running by March 2018. The focus will be on services to and from medical appointments, well-being needs such as food shopping and employment. The service will begin on small level and justify its existence through ridership.

b. MyRideTX

Steve and Donna Wright have started a "soft" launch of "Uber" style services at \$5.00 per ride. MyRideTX has a smartphone app which can be active always to send notices to the available drivers in the area. With the smartphone app type setup, credit cards will be accepted. They provide face-to-face interviews, background checks and drug screens for all their drivers and intends to comply with all municipal rules and regulations that had faced some opposition during recent legislature debates. MyRideTX will provide services that complement, not compete with, Kerr-Konnect.

**3. SUB-COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

3A. Update from each Sub-Committee

**Group A: Media**

Rick Stolpman  
Claudia Richner  
Dale Trees  
Laura Godwin  
Dawn Elder

Claudia reported on the progress thus far. She has been in contact with John Sniffin, the reporter now covering RCC issues. She has worked to make corrections to recovery meeting times as posted in local printed new media.

Discussion on the Coalition focused on continued efforts to combat the negative stigma associated with those in recovery. The sub-committee agreed to work on a set of 'FAQs' and to consider a prepared statement that each member could have in case they are asked to speak to the media.

**Group B: Resource Directory**

Shawn Driggers  
Steve Pautler  
Laura Godwin  
Ron Kleisch

Cody Leicht  
Ross Robinson  
Dawn Elder

Laura and Dawn reported on their on-going work to integrate the Coalition's interest into those of the more broad local nonprofits. They participate in the Kerr County nonprofit intergroup. Many of the nonprofits are not specific to recovery, but they provide many services that could help those in recovery. At one time, BCFS had been considered a "resource center" that served to link services to those that need them the most. The question is, how to resurrect that concept. They will continue working to combine national recovery efforts with local efforts.

- Group C: Mobility / Transportation**  
Blair Geisler  
Mary Ellen Summerlin  
Vincent Voelkel  
Dale Trees

This sub-committee had worked to bring the Kerr-Konnect and MyRideTX to the Coalition (see above notes).

3B. Sub-committees are to keep focus item communication within your respective sub-committee and report results back to the entire RCC at next posted open meeting.

**4. DISCUSSION TOPICS WITHIN MEETING:**

4A. Board member question of how to properly respond to local media when approached for an interview. Requires more discussion at next meeting.

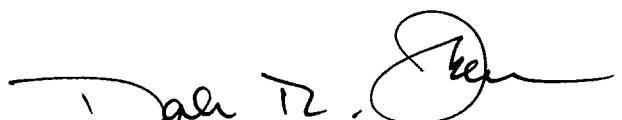
**5. NEXT SCHEDULED RCC MEETING:**

December 18, 2017, 4:00 p.m., City Hall Upstairs Conference room

**ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: 12/21/18

  
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Dale Trees, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Dale Trees, Secretary