

**Kerrville Recovery Community Coalition Meeting Minutes:**

**November 23, 2020**

Call to Order: 4:07 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Dale Trees

Claudia Richner

Rick Stolzman

Sabine Kuenzel

Christa Lovett

Randie Benno

Kara Grant

**Members Absent:**

Leigh Ann Fitzpatrick

Michael Brooks

Brittany Andry

Dr. Kendall Young

Laura Godwin-Driggers

Brian Brannan

Leslie Marek

**Visitors/Contributing**

Dawn Elder

**City Executive:**

Chief Eric Maloney

**Virtual Meeting Access Connection:**

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**Agenda Item 1: APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2020 MEETING -**  
Motion by Rick seconded by Claudia and approved with no changes.

**Agenda Item 2: RECOGNIZE MEMBERS, PARTNERS, GUEST** A new Chief of Police will be sworn in soon and we will ask for him to attend one of our future meetings.

**Agenda Item 3: HILL COUNTRY MHDD PRESENTATION FOLLOW-UP:** This item was tabled and will remain on the agenda to further discuss outcome of data gathering, as well as possible further recommendations.

**Agenda Item 4: LeighAnn FITZPATRICK - KERRVILLE STATE HOSPITAL Communication - Trauma Informed Care** This item was tabled and will remain on the agenda to further discuss.

**Agenda Item 5: RICHARD STOLPMAN - Communication - Salvation Army Recovery Services** Rick reported that the Salvation Army's Reconnect Program is closed for now due to COVID. They hope to restart it again soon, but part of the delay is that they lost a facilitator and will need to fill that position again first. That is an unfortunate though temporary gap because it "fed" local meetings and had the capacity to serve about 10-12 people.

**Agenda Item 6: CHRISTA LOVETT - Communication - Recovery Services Improvements, New Braunfels** Christa reported that she continues to research Challenge Court in Comal Co., Veterans' Court, and Accountability Court. Dale offered to send Christa additional contact information to assist with her outreach efforts.

**Agenda Item 7: CLAUDIA RICHNER - Communication - Additional Services, Rafael Clinic** Claudia reported that she volunteers at this clinic and has observed that the clinic often refers patients to New Hope. The clinic has a 2-3 week waiting list but is also experiencing a lower census than normal (likely due to COVID fears keeping patients from seeking non-crisis, preventative care). The clinic receives Methodist Foundation funding and is seeking a grant. The grant money would go to an outreach program to investigate why appointments aren't being kept - the clinic has a problem with "no shows".

**Agenda Item 8: RANDIE BENNO - Communication - Additions to HCMHDD Behavioral Health Services** This item was tabled and will remain on the agenda to further discuss outcome of data gathering, as well as possible further recommendations.

**Agenda Item 9: DAWN EASTWOOD - Communication - Creekview IOP Patient Services** Dawn met with Chad at Creekview. He conducts the assessments for the local Drug Court. Chad reported that they had just "graduated" their first successful drug court candidate.

She also spoke with Helena Florez at the Kerr Co. Adult Probation office - she stated that they are interested in becoming a stakeholder in a resource center.

**Agenda Item 10: SABINE KUENZEL - Communication - Kerr County Needs Assessment, SACADA Report** Sabine outlined some key points from the Region 8 Needs Assessment and from the SACADA grant application information, which

emphasizes issues in our area including:

- lack of local participation and awareness, which places the data collection and study responsibility at a regional scale, which is not the best way to get to understanding local needs.
- Lack of education especially of youth, more specifically lack of resources such as meeting space, literature, outreach, and presentations.
- Waiting lists for in-treatment facilities have been trending upward
- There has been some success, especially in the area of curbing underage drinking.
- Data gaps, especially in the “deaths of despair” and naloxone administration.
- Education needs for medical profession especially when it comes to pain management
- Increased screening and medical access

Christa questioned what we would try to accomplish by the implied data collection, Dawn mentioned that sometimes it is easy to get “bogged down” in numbers. Dale stated that he’s spoken with state advocacy representatives who advise that we focus on requesting that existing funding not be decreased rather than focus on new funding.

#### **Agenda Item 11: DALE TREES**

**11A. Communication – Update City of Kerrville / Kerr County Drug Court** Dale reported that the local drug court works on an agreement (15-page templates of the agreement form are online) basis in 4 phases with an offender that has plead guilty:

Ph. 1 – IOP

Ph. 2 – SOP

Ph 3 – Adult Probation

Ph 4 – MRT

The offender gets no jail time, their driver’s license, and job training. The program restores dignity and can save money. Dale tried to get in touch with Andrea Bode. There is interested in a subcommittee to work more on this program.

**11B. Communication – Peterson Community Mental Health Coalition** Dale reported that the Mental Health Coalition meetings have been on hold due to COVID. The last meeting was held in August. They are going to try to go back to holding virtual meetings. The last concept the group discussed was a possible restructuring of 911 responses whereby mental health team is dispatched, do include an LCDC/PRSS/LMSW (if needed for a CSU commitment). The Coalition discussed the possibility of melding the two groups together

**Agenda Item 12: BOARD MEMBER(S) END-OF-TERM** Dale reviewed End-of-Term dates for Current Board Members and reminded members that the City Secretary

Office had emailed applications.

**Agenda Item 13: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA** Rick to present re: Celebrate Recovery; Elk Lodge pamphlet distribution to schools; New male recovery home at Peterson Hospital

**Agenda Item 14. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:** December 28, 2020, 4:00 P.M., Go-To Virtual format

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm

Approve: 23 Nov 2020 Date

Chairman: Dale L. Gray

Attest: