

## **Kerrville Recovery Community Coalition Meeting Minutes: February 22, 2021**

Call to Order: 4:10 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Kendall Young

Claudia Richner

Rick Stolpman

Leslie Marek

Christa Lovett

Brittany Andry

Joseph Duprie

Joe Pizczor

Sabine Kuenzel

Nikki Saurage

Cynthia Tate

### **Members Absent:**

Michael Brooks

Thomas Hurt

### **Visitors/Contributing:**

Leigh Ann Fitzpatrick (member but not yet sworn in)

Randie Benno (member but not yet sworn in)

Dale Trees (outgoing Chair)

Shannon Gray - Guest Speaker

### **City Executive:**

Chief Eric Maloney

### **Virtual Meeting Access Connection:**

Go-To Meeting connection provided to allow access for members and public:

**Agenda Item 1: APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 28, 2020 MEETING:**

Minutes approved unanimously. No minutes were submitted for January 2021 due to lack of quorum.

**Agenda Item 2: RECOGNIZE MEMBERS, PARTNERS, GUESTS**

**Agenda Item 3: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS – Chair, Co-chair, Secretary, Public Information Officer:**

Dr. Young was nominated Chair and accepted. Sabine Kuenzel was nominated as Co-chair and accepted. Brittany Andry was discussed as Secretary but this nomination was tabled to next meeting to allow for time to discuss with Brittany whether she will accept. The PIO duties were discussed and agreed to be absorbed into the other three officer positions, duties to be performed on a case-by-case basis, and possibly also assigned to other members as the situation may dictate.

**Agenda Item 4: DALE TREES – COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH COALITION - Presentation: Landon Sturdivant, Tracy Davis, Shannon Gray:**

Ms. Gray represented HCMHDD and reminded the group of the recently formed Mental Health Coalition. She reported that the group had well attended initial meetings before they were disrupted by COVID response protocols. The KRCC began discussing the benefits of merging the two groups. The goal of creating a center, which has been discussed over the past years by many groups, came up as a potential main focus of such a merged group. These included that mental health advocacy has made significant progress over the past several years in our area.

We discussed whether such a merger would be allowable under the current structure and what the limitations might be. It was suggested that the group create “talking points” for eventual presentation for the two

groups' enabling bodies. For Kerrville, this would involve at least one meeting with the City Council to request and receive direction.

The group discussed the scope of work that a merged committee might take, and whether or not it would eventually involve requests for funding, grant applications, formations of non-profit entities, etc. Ms. Benno stated that there's a difference between periodic special purpose fundraisers versus the creation of a non-profit organization, which would be a much larger endeavor. Mr. Stolpman suggested that Cody Crenwelge could also be a good resource for additional experience.

It was suggested that we should take a comprehensive approach in order for such a merger to include all goals that each of the two groups may have. To begin this exploratory process, it was agreed that eventually a survey could be filled out by each individual member from the two groups. Dr. Young offered to create a draft of such a survey for review by the KRCC prior to finalization and eventual roll out to members. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated that she saw sound reasoning behind the idea of merging and supports the idea of the survey.

**Agenda Item 5: HILL COUNTRY MHDD - Randi Benno, Joan Cortez, Lesley Merek, Brian Brannan – Follow Up Conversation on State Funded and Medicaid Beds for SUD Inpatient Available Local Resource:**

Ms. Merek reported that there are state funded beds available with no waiting list but that there is a wait of about 6-8 weeks if detox or other higher levels of care would be required. These would be free of charge if the patient is covered by Medicaid. The only facility that takes Medicare is River Creek and it is a full lock-down facility.

**Agenda Item 6: Dr. YOUNG, CHIEF MALONEY - Bill Morgan - In-Home Drug Test Kits**

Dr. Young spoke with Mr. Morgan, who reported that currently there are not visitors nor in-person speakers permitted on site due to the

COVID response. They are putting together a video for parents. Dr. Young will follow up at the next meeting of the KRCC.

**Agenda Item 7: Dr. YOUNG, Ms. KUENZEL - Informational Campaign, Education, Prevention, Treatment**

Dr. Young brought forth the idea of “rebranding” the Communities Projects effort in order to reignite interest in local recovery. The “branding” concept would involve consistent visuals and messages. Ms. Richner added that local judges may have some success examples from those ordered to complete community service hours, and offered to speak with someone at Mt. Wesley. She also mentioned that Mr. Trees may have some good examples as well from his Phoenix Project. Ms. Saurage, Ms. Merek, and Ms. Benno volunteered to spearhead the data gathering, which Dr. Young would then place on social media.

**Agenda Item 8: DALE TREES – 2021 HRSA GRANT - Rural Communities Opioid Response Project (RCORP)**

Mr. Trees reported that there were three communities awarded this grant, but that, even though SACADA was not one of them, it was nonetheless in a good position for the next opportunity. Much of the data gathered in 2019-2020 can be used in the future. We scored a 93 of the possible 100, and the feedback gives Andrea Salazar and her team a good idea of minor additions that would be required. Mr. Trees had responded on our behalf that this community would be interested in participating in a future grant application.

**Agenda Item 9: ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- 1) Continue with the discussions of merging the KRCC with the MHC
- 2) Recovery Day at the Capitol on March 31 – and place a standing item on the next few agendas for reports regarding the pending legislative session.
- 3) Invite Sherrie Layton to meeting to speak re: legislative strategies

4) Resource center models in Texas -- discuss future tours of good examples

**Agenda Item 10. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:**  
March 22, 2021 4:00 P.M., Go-To Virtual format

**ADJOURN**

Claudia Richner moved to conclude the meeting and Rick Stolpman seconded the motion to end the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm

Approve: Kendall Y. Ed.D Date: 6/28/21  
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