

## **Kerrville Recovery Community Coalition Meeting Minutes:**

**March 22, 2021** Call to Order: 4:14 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Kendall Young  
Claudia Richner  
Rick Stolpman  
Leslie Marek  
Christa Lovett  
Brittany Andry  
Sabine Kuenzel  
Cynthia Tate  
Leigh Ann Fitzpatrick  
Randie Benno

### **Members Absent:**

Michael Brooks  
Thomas Hurt  
Joseph Duprie Joe  
Pizczor  
Nikki Saurage

### **Visitors/Contributing:**

Dale Trees  
Shannon Gray  
Landon Sturdivant  
Andrea Salazar

### **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 FEBRUARY 22, 2021 MEETING:**

Minutes approved unanimously.

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

**Agenda Item 3: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS – Secretary:**

Dr. Young moved to approve Brittany Andry to be secretary. Brittany agreed to serve. Ms. Kuenzel seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4: 87th LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION - KRCC involvement in 2019 Session; members' individual participation in Recovery Day at the Capitol:**

Ms. Kuenzel stated that there were a few recovery-related bills that were introduced recently in the session that would be of interest to the KRCC. Mr. Trees listed some of them – one that would reduce unnecessary patient rights training and one that would potentially set state-wide standards for recovery home operations. Ms. Kuenzel reminded the members that had been on the KRCC two years ago that a few of us had written letters or emails in support of certain bills last legislative session, but that those communications were done on an individual basis. If the Coalition were to take a stand on any bill, there would need to be coordinated communication and then appropriate processes, which would include identifying appropriate forms of representation.

Members were reminded to sign up for the virtual Recovery Day to be held on March 31.

The members discussed inviting Ms. Layton to speak at a future meeting of the KRCC.

**Agenda Item 5: 2021 HRSA GRANT:**

Ms. Salazar reported on our area's ongoing interest in pursuing this grant. The grant would be for \$1m over a three-year period, and

would expand recovery resources including telehealth and recovery coach/MAT training. Under the program, such training would become free to participants. She is estimating that training would be offered three times per year with a limit of 20 participants. SACADA is forming an ad hoc committee to meet over the summer in June/July, and the agency would like someone from the KRCC at the table to provide input regarding the local culture. Actual work will then begin in September.

**Agenda Item 6: INFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGN, EDUCATION, PREVENTION, TREATMENT - Recovery community meet & greet event; Social media campaign:**

Dr. Young reported that the previous week, she had met with Ms. Lovett, Ms. Bennon, Mr. Stolpman, and Ms. Kuenzel. Next we will need to identify the best social media platform, and we will need the KRCC's assistance to identify candidates in the recovery community to highlight. The subcommittee also would like input from the members re: the target audience.

She stated that we are proposing a meet and greet to introduce the KRCC members to the community. The event should coincide with Mental Health Month in May. Mr. Stolpman stated that we have approval at the Methodist Church Pavillion. The KRCC agreed to reserve May 15, with the event beginning at 12:30 PM.

**Agenda Item 7: KERRVILLE RECOVERY COALITION AND MENTAL HEALTH COALITION -- continued discussion of potential to merge the two groups**

Chief Maloney reminded the group that such a merger would require approval in the change in scope at the City Council level. He also pointed out that such a large group would likely have trouble achieving a quorum. Mr. Landon stated that Tracy Davis had spoken with Dale Trees re: a scenario where there would be a mental health liaison on the KRCC, similar to our liaison to the Kerr Co. Interagency Committee, and a Mental Health liaison at the KRCC meetings.

**Agenda Item 8: ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- 1) Mercy Gate/ARC program

- 2) Recovery Day at the Capitol to have occurred on March 31
- 3) Listing of recovery centers for further research (to include funding sources), including possible future touring (such as Marble Falls, Johnson City, etc.)

**Agenda Item 9. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:**

April 26, 2021 4:00 P.M., Go-To Virtual format

**ADJOURN**

Ms. Marek moved to conclude the meeting, seconded by Ms. Richner seconded with a unanimous vote to end the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Approve: Dr. Kendall Up Date Chairman: 6/28/21

Attest: Salem Deemul 6/28/2021