

**KERRVILLE RECOVERY COMMUNITY COALITION
REGULAR MEETING**

September 27, 2021

On Monday, September 27, 2021, the regular meeting of the members of the Recovery Community Coalition was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Sabine Kuenzel, Co-Chair.

Members Present:

Kendall Young

Claudia Richner

Rick Stolzman

Christa Lovett

Sabine Kuenzel

Thomas Hurt

Joseph Duprie

Joe Pizczor

Members Absent:

Brittany Andry

Michael Brooks

Leslie Marek

Cynthia Tate

Leigh Ann Fitzpatrick

Randie Benno

Nikki Saurage

City Executive Staff Present:

Eric Maloney, Fire Chief

Visitors Present:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1A. Approval of minutes of the June 28, 2021 meeting. *Mr. Hurt move approval and Mr. Stolzman seconded, the minutes as written. Approved unanimously.*

2. RECOGNIZE PARTNERS AND GUESTS:

2A. Introduction of Partners and Guests. *Chief Maloney introduced Ms. . Intern for the Fire Department, who is working on a student report of areas of Schreiner University/COK collaboration. He invited members to reach out to her.*

**3. STATUS UPDATES FROM MEMBERS AND GROUP DISCUSSION RE:
REDUCTION OF BARRIERS AND ENHANCEMENT OF POSITIVE
RELATIONSHIPS**

3A. Sites for provision of medically assisted treatment (MAT) –*No presentation*

was available at the time of this meeting.

3B. Reduction of legal barriers to employment (pathways to TDL/ID reinstatement and warrant management);

a) Drug Court update; Steve Harpold, prosecutor for the 198th Circuit Court, gave an overview of the drug court program, which began about two years ago. The program was made available to law offenders that had a history of problems with alcohol or drugs as an option to a punishment program. Volunteers that sit on the court meet twice a month to consider cases. The applicants must qualify as shown in a form that they'd previously filled out. Probationers are sent to detox, then they report back to the drug court, where they continue with community service and outpatient treatment, such as Creekview IOP. As of this time, the program has had three "graduates" and there are currently eight active participants. Not completing the program is considered a violation of probation. Coalition members had questions comments, including 1) that some have seen it work well 2) how does the treatment part work in practice 3) housing and jobs need to be a central part of such a program 4) is judicial clemency and option. Mr. Harpold responded that there are groups that work with the court, such as Magdalene's House, Medina Children's Home, and the Christian Job Corps. There is a chart of "minor" penalties, such as reduction of privileges, curfews, etc. that can be imposed if certain performance standards are not met. Judicial clemency has happened before, but likely not enough.

b) Overview of ID Recovery Clinic; Ms. Kennison Evans, Hill Country Public Defender, gave an overview of the program. Some people that are early in recovery might have lost or had stolen their ID's, which could make it difficult if not impossible to take positive action to change their way of living. There is a lot of documentation required, which quickly become difficult if not impossible, especially if there is a change of name involved. Law students help the applicant through the cumbersome process to gather the background paperwork. Haven for Hope, the nonprofit that had some space devoted to this work, but currently more space is needed to allow for weekly or biweekly work. Mr. Dupris mentioned that there is currently no central point to send people. Ms. Kennison responded that there is one at Club 12 in San Antonio. Schreiner University might be interested in collaborating.

3C. Accessibility of existing public resources; Overview of Health and Wholeness Questionnaire; Kerr County Interagency Network – No presentation was available at the time of this meeting

3.D. Public informational campaign – Item was not discussed due to time constraints.

4. PENDING KPD PRESENTATION

4A. Discuss types of data to be compared and contrasted in upcoming Police Department presentation. Ms. Kuenzel stated that in the past, there had been specific data analysis that had been requested by the Coalition, and that KPD had then pulled from existing records and then presented to the group. The current group did not request specific data points. Chief Maloney did offer to coordinate a future discussion item with KPD.

5. VIRTUAL SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL WORKSHOP

5A. Summer community listening sessions; Ms. Sabine Kuenzel. *Item was not discussed due to time constraints.*

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

6A. "Vendor Booth" at City of Kerrville Riverfest October 16, 2021 6B. *Item was not discussed due to time constraints.*

6B. City Council meeting September 28, 2021 *Item was not discussed due to time constraints.*

7. KRCC MEMBERSHIP

7A. Discussion and possible action re: reducing the number of voting members

7B. Possible action re: recommendation to City Council to remove certain members due to multiple absences *Ms. Kuenzel stated that there have been numerous times that the group has been unable to meet due to lack of quorum. Some ideas to address this issue might be to reduce the number of members because it is a relatively large group of voting members. Discussion centered on the diversity of the group, and that this quality should not be lost in whatever recommendation comes out of these discussions.*

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

8A. Overview of Public Health Task Force

8B. KPD presentation

8C. Localized referral number

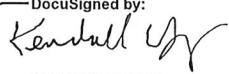
9. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING, DATE AND TIME

9A. October 25, 2021, 4:00 P.M., Butt-Holdsworth Library Meeting Room

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: 1/6/2022

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Kendall Young, Chairperson

ATTEST: Sabine Kuenzel Secretary