

**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 Falkinburg – 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.

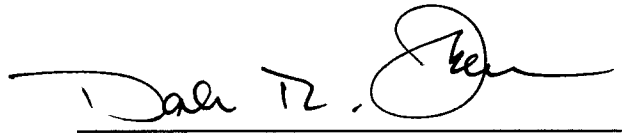
5. **NEXT SCHEDULED RCC MEETING:**

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

ADJOURNMENT.

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

DATE APPROVED: 1/22/18


Dale Trees, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Dale Trees, Secretary