



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 - 11:00 AM

Pulaski Train Station

ATTENDING: Officer Megan Jennings, Deputy Brett Downey, Sally Warburton, Carol Smith, Anthony Akers, Terrie Sternberg, Nick Bilbro, Mike Wade, Hannah Rodriguez (guest)

- I. **Welcome, introductions, and announcements:** Chairperson Anthony Akers opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Deputy Brett Downey moved to accept the agenda as presented; Carol Smith seconded & the motion was passed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Carol Smith moved to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2018 meeting as presented; Sally Warburton seconded & the motion was passed.
- IV. **Financial Report:** Sally Warburton, Treasurer, reported that the current account balance is \$10,488.65. Recent invoices paid include: State Corporation Commission (\$25.00); CCoVA (\$100.00) and Pulaski County (\$500.00 for the two pool parties).
- V. **Virginia Lock & Talk Initiative:** NRVCS Prevention Specialist Hannah Rodriguez gave an overview of the Virginia “Lock & Talk” initiative, which is designed to prevent/reduce suicides. She explained that the program gives away free lock boxes for medication, as well as gun & trigger locks. Hannah said she’s also in the process of doing community outreach/education and plans to connect with the local pawn shops in Pulaski County as part of her efforts. Hannah also mentioned that the NRV Suicide Prevention Collaborative would be meeting on August 16 in Christiansburg, and that NRVCS Prevention Services would be offering a free screening of the documentary film, “Ripple Effect” on September 26 at New River Valley Regal Cinemas in Christiansburg.
- VI. **2018 Events**
 - “National Night Out”: Officer Megan Jennings and Deputy Downey both noted that their respective events were successful, despite the threat of rain.
 - Annual Candlelight Vigil for International Overdose Awareness Day: Mike reported that this event has been scheduled for Friday, August 31 at Bisset Park in Radford, beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- VII. **Other:**
 - PFS Update: Mike noted that he and NRVCS Prevention Specialist Nick Bilbro had recently attended the CADCA Mini-Academy in Richmond.

- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Mike said he was involved with a group that is attempting to revive this support group for local families. One of the options he suggested was to hire a part-time facilitator specifically for this group, using funds from the PFS grant over the next two years. He will follow up.

VIII. Adjournment: Mike and Nick must attend a mandatory PFS grant meeting in Staunton on September 5, therefore, the group agreed to meet the following Wednesday, September 12 at 11 am at the Pulaski train station. This will include a work session and lunch will be provided.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Wade, Acting Secretary