



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018 – 11:00 AM
Pulaski Train Station

ATTENDING: Deb Suddarth, Sally Warburton, Doug Perry, Diane Wise, Jennifer Bolling, Brett Downey, Pam Ray, Anthony Akers, Nick Bilbro, Mike Wade, Terrie Sternberg, Carissa South, Lynne Clark, Mollie Richardson, Daniel O’Dell and Debbie Bell (Guest – Office of the Attorney General)

- I. **Welcome, introductions, and announcements:** Chairperson Anthony Akers opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Pam Ray moved to accept the agenda as presented; Sally Warburton seconded & the motion was passed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Pam Ray moved to accept the minutes from the August 8, 2018 meeting – with the condition that the list of attendees be added to the minutes; Sally Warburton seconded & the motion was passed.
- IV. **Financial Report:** Sally Warburton, Treasurer, reported that the current account balance is \$10,488.65. There have been no changes to the account since the August meeting.
- V. **“Attendance Matters” initiative:** Mike noted that several PCPC members had attended the recent community presentation at New River Community College, hosted by Pulaski County Public Schools. Jennifer Bolling gave a brief overview of the changes in policy regarding chronic absenteeism and truancy.
- VI. **Suicide Prevention Awareness Month activities:** Mike distributed a handout highlighting the various activities and events being conducted both locally and nationally regarding Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.
- VII. **PFS Grant Update:** Mike reported that he and Lisa Webb had recently attended the National Prevention Network conference in Boston and that they both found it to be very beneficial. He also noted that the Annual Candlelight Vigil for International Overdose Awareness Day, held on August 31 in Radford, saw a smaller turnout than the previous year but he attributed some of that to both weather and the fact that the observance fell on a Friday. Despite the low turnout, we did get very good media coverage from both WFXR and WSL in Roanoke. Mike also pointed out that WFXR had aired 15-second spots to promote both the candlelight vigil and National Recovery Month (September), highlighting “The Face of Addiction Is Mine” campaign.

Mike added that he and Becky Hubble with the Pulaski County Commission on Children and Families are continuing to meet with representatives from the NRV Agency on Aging to develop a plan that would revive the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group. He pointed to

data that shows the number of households in this situation is far higher than any of the other jurisdictions served by NRVCS. He has spoken with the state PFS supervisor to ask if we could utilize grant funds to pay for a part-time facilitator of the group and will put together a proposal to get this approved.

VIII. Work Session/Lunch: Nick presented a brief overview of results from the most recent Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted in Pulaski County Public Schools. Following lunch, the group split up into two groups to do a mapping exercise, highlighting community assets, major gathering places and areas of concern.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

**The next PCPC meeting will take place Wednesday, October 3 at 11:00 a.m.
at the Pulaski Train Station.**

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Wade, Acting Secretary