

**KANAWHA VALLEY COLLECTIVE
MEMBERSHIP
MINUTES
October 7, 2009**

Attendance: Amy Weintraub – Covenant House; Andrea Thaxton - MHA; Betty Anne Smith – Volunteer; Buz McCormick – RCCR; Dave Sanders – WVMHCA; Deb Weinstein – YWCA; Debra Payne – RCCR; Dennis Pease – Daymark; Frances Pack – Kanawha Co. Schools; Jean Simpson – Manna Meal; Jennifer Kidd – United Way; Jennifer Richmond – Salvation Army; Julie Alston- RSLC; Lee Ann Bills – VA; Lee Horton – WVMHCA; Lori Dillow – VA; Martha Minter – Community Access; Mary Beth Carlisle – Mildred Mitchell Bateman; Michelle Foster – KISRA; Paul Gilmer - Volunteer; Paul Hall – Pretera Center; Ray Parsons – Highland; Sham Smith – WVMHCA; Suzanne Jenkins – VA; Teresa Pate – WVMHCA; Tom Richmond – Salvation Army; Traci Strickland – RSLC; Ted Hayes – Heal America Campaign

President Betty Anne Smith welcomed those in attendance.

Those in attendance introduced themselves

Betty Anne read the KVC's mission and vision

Minutes from September 2, 2009 meeting accepted as written

Board Ballots

The KVC bylaws state that in order to be eligible for the KVC board, the individual must have attended 6 of the last 9 membership meetings. Bylaws also state that the ballot must be presented 30 days prior to the election. Ballot was sent out by email on 9/25/09. Ballot also distributed today. Election will be at the November 4th meeting. As a reminder, there is only one ballot per agency.

Agency Spotlight – WVMHCA – Dave Sanders

Main offices located at 713 Bigley Avenue.

All services are free.

Some of the services offered are:

Community services division focuses on homeless services and assisting individuals coming out of MMB/Sharpe

Peer Recovery Network – support to substance abusers and their families.

COILS – In Home community supports.

CONTAC (Consumer Organization & Networking Technical Assistance Center) – National TA program that assists other states in building peer networks.

WRAP – Wellness Recovery Action Plans – self help / self management system curriculum that assists individuals with symptom management, increasing responsibility and improving life.

STEPSS – Supports Towards Employing Peer Support Specialists

WV Leadership Academy – A three day skill building workshop that deals with leadership, organization and civic participation.

A WVMHCA pamphlet was distributed with more information and has become a part of the minutes.

State Hospital Update

Both Mildred Mitchell Bateman and William H Sharpe hospital are at capacity daily. Diversion rate is \$800-1200 per day per person.

Bateman's new units are complete, but cannot open due to lack of doctors/
Bateman is trying to hire a patient representative to follow up with patients to identify reasons for recidivism.

KVC Budget

The KVC needs to file a form 990. This is due on November 15th. Paul Gilmer to complete. The map that was designed and the KVC designated money to print did not meet the needs of the KVC and was never printed. We have received the money for the Veltri Dinner, but this is money that will only pass through the budget and will be either spent or returned to the GKVF. The KVC budget for 90-10 shows a net income of \$1552

Public Affairs

On hiatus until after Thanksgiving

AEP decision – there will be a 12% rate hike.

Veltri subcommittee has been meeting. Next meeting is 10/21 at 4:00pm

One Night Without a Home – KVC is not listed on flyer. Date has been moved to 11/17, not 11/20 as has been announced. KVC Membership raised many concerns including time/date change, the flyer, the lack of communication regarding this event. A flyer was distributed, but was taken back and the issue will be discussed at the next planning meeting on 10/14.

SA/MH

Group is still discussing kids who are aging out of DHHR's system. Kanawha County DHHR supervisor has been attending the meetings. Hopefully there will be a representative from the state DHHR at the next meeting.

HMIS

Many partners are joining and entering data.

Users cannot call Steve Rowe. In the future, agencies will be billed for calls to Steve. If there are questions that other KVC users cannot answer, Stephanie from MAACLink needs to be contacted.

Announcement

- January 13 & 14 – Grantwriting training for those interested in applying for VA grant per diem.
- October 21 - Conference of Agency Executives at the Civic Center. Parking is free if you tell the parking attendant that you are attending CAE. Topic this month is Mental Health in WV.
- October 8 – Meeting regarding potential CoC funds from the state to pay for staffing, grant writing etc.
- October 13 – Next KVC grant writing meeting
- HPRP should start around October 19, but that date is tentative
- October 15 – MHA training at Schoenbaum from 9:00am – 11:30 topic is Anxiety Disorders
- October 21 – MHA Annual meeting 5:30. Theme is "Giving Voice to the Voiceless"
- November 8 – YWCA and RSLC 23rd Annual Thanksgiving Benefit Dinner
- November 19 – RCCR Big Bean Dinner
- Manna Meal is requesting men's socks for distribution on an as needed basis.

Membership meeting was adjourned

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Traci Strickland