
January 2023 Prevention/Public Information Committee Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of the Prevention/Public Information Committee of Rappahannock Area Community Services Board was held at 600 Jackson Street on **Jan.10, 2023**. Attendees included Ken Lapin, Susan Gayle, Melissa White, Jacob Parcell, Glenna Boerner, Matt Zurasky, Susan Muerdler, Amy Jindra, Joe Wickens, Amy Umble, Michelle Wagaman, Jacque Kobuchi, Michelle Runyon, Tina Cleveland, Nadine Mayo, and Brandie Williams. Members not in attendance were Claire Curcio, Linda Carter and Greg Sokolowski.

Communications Update

Amy Umble reviewed internal and external communications efforts throughout the agency. She updated the Committee on the internal communications committee, the intranet, employee newsletter, United Way campaign, website, social media, press release and media mentions.

Prevention Trainings FY23 Mid-Year Update

Michelle Wagaman updated the Committee on trainings for FY 23. She reviewed attendance and dates for Mental Health First Aid, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, Safe TALK, ACE Interface and REVIVE! Opioid Overdose Reversal Training.

ACEs Evaluation Assessments

Michelle Wagaman told the Committee that the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) has worked with OMNI Institute to evaluate the facilitation of the ACE Interface “Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Building Self-Healing Communities” training. RACSB has been facilitating this training since 2018, as part of the first cohort of Master Trainers. She reviewed the annual summary of participant evaluations.

Virginia Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant Annual Report

Michelle Wagaman reviewed the annual report created when DBHDS worked with OMNI Institute to evaluate Virginia’s Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant activities and initiatives for 2021-22. She told the Committee that the priority areas were alcohol, tobacco and mental health/suicide prevention.

2022 Problem Gambling and Marijuana Use Prevention

Michelle Wagaman discussed findings from the 2022 Community Readiness Assessments which found that Planning District 16 was in the denial/resistance stage of community readiness for both problem gambling and marijuana use.

Prevention of Problem Gambling and Gaming CADCA Boot Camp

Michelle Wagaman told the Committee that CSB prevention teams continue to build capacity related to the prevention of problem gambling and gaming, and that DBHDS would host a problem gambling boot camp to support these efforts.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.