

# Minds Together Team Meeting

Thursday, July 7, 2022

10:00 am

Zoom

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**Meeting called by:** Jennifer Smith Ramey      **Type of meeting:** Video Conference

**Facilitator:** Jennifer Smith Ramey      **Note taker:** Karen Riddle  
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**Timekeeper:** Jennifer Smith Ramey

**Attendees:** Joe Girandola, Jerry Avila, Judge Harrison, Betty Easter, Tammie Brewster, Kathleen Williams, Tony Powell, Lisa Jordan, Carolyn Hitchcock, Taeyung Griffin, Mary Buchanan Kirby, Januwaa Davis, John Thomas, John Fedor, Bridget Houlihan, Jimmy Thompson, Tecora Johnson, Christy Meeks, Harold and Lila Scroggins, Beth Robertson, Ellen smith, Curtis Jones, Julie Parrish, Angie Vaughn, Tashauna Johnson, Amanda Rider, Jennifer Smith Ramey, Karen Riddle, Mac Davis, J. Parris

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## Minutes

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**Agenda item:** Flash Committee      **Presenter:** Mary Buchanan Kirby

**Discussion:**

Mary has spoken with Ishmael Gama, an Executive with Bedford Centra Hospital, to present at our next Minds Together Meeting in August 4, 2022.

The Flash Committee has not met yet and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Doodle Poll is going to be sent out to those who have expressed interest in being on the committee to see if a date and time can be agreed upon. The plan is to meet in the next two weeks.

The purpose of the Flash Committee is to determine how best to address ways our community can be educated concerning MH Coping Skills for youth and adults.

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**Agenda item:** Strategic Planning Action Items      **Presenter:** Jennifer Smith Ramey, Betty Easter, Joe Girandola, Mary Buchanan Kirby, Karen Riddle

**Discussion:**

Jennifer Smith Ramey added that we are exploring partnerships with local colleges and universities to identify 2 to 3 grants and options and opportunities to implement the grants to benefit our community.

Betty Easter, Joe Girandola, Karen Riddle, along with Mary Buchanan Kirby addressed the work toward encouraging entities in our community to add themselves to the 211 Registry and to discover entities in our community who may not

be on that 211 Registry had stalled because of members taking on new roles in new jobs and new staff coming on board with BARC to assist with this Action Item.

Betty Easter, Joe Girandola, and Karen Riddle are scheduled to meet via conference call on Friday, July 8, 2022 to discuss best plan to move forward concerning this Action Item.

Please send all recommendations for entities who you believe should be contacted and encouraged to add themselves to the 211 Registry to Betty Easter at [barc.virginia@gmail.com](mailto:barc.virginia@gmail.com). She will be the gate-keeper of all of the recommendations from all BARC groups, she will verify these, and she will try to make contact with those not on the 211 Registry.

Joe Girandola discovered the Resource Lists that he was provided by United Way were actually online and available when he requested a printable list. [The link to access these lists can be found in the "Resources" section below.](#) This link will take you to the Campbell County list, but you can access other area lists from there.

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**Agenda item:** Agency Updates **Presenter:** Round Robin

**Discussion:**

Jerry Avila—with Juvenile Probation stated there could be a supervisor position opening up in Campbell County.

Harold Scroggins—with Celebrate Recovery stated attendance is growing partly because a local industry is sending their employees as part of their employee wellness plan.

Tony Powell—clinician with Horizon FTDC announced that a participant graduated on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 from the FTDC Program.

Karen Riddle—minutes for June 2022 Minds Together meeting were not created because time didn't allow with additional duties added to my To Do List due to lots of changes taking place with the Court Street Horizon Wellness Center moving multiple services into other Horizon facilities. The July 2022 MT Meeting minutes will be created in a timely manner because all duties I was responsible to complete to make the moves smoother have been completed.

Julie Parrish—introduced herself as she is new to the Horizon Prevention Program Team.

Jan Davis—with Horizon's Prevention Team requested input on having a night presentation of the Hidden in Plain Sight with a captive audience at one of the Bedford County Schools. You may contact Jan at [januwaa.davis@horizonbh.org](mailto:januwaa.davis@horizonbh.org).

Curtis Jones—with Horizon's Prevention Team as the State Opioid Coordinator stated items that are available through the Prevention Program are lock boxes for medication storage, bags to dispose unused medications that need to be discarded safely. Curtis also stated there are virtual Revive trainings available and in-person as well upon request. Curtis stated that Narcan will be made available the day after the training to those who complete the training. Curtis stated there is a survey being conducted currently with 18-25 year olds. You may contact Curtis at [curtis.jones@horizonbh.org](mailto:curtis.jones@horizonbh.org).

Tecora Johnson—with Probation and Parole stated they are now fully staffed. If you would like to attend a Re-entry Subcommittee meeting please contact Tecora at [tecora.johnson@vadoc.virginia.gov](mailto:tecora.johnson@vadoc.virginia.gov).

John Fedor—with Probation and Parole stated all is going well

Beth Robertson—with Bedford County Public Schools stated that the Intervention Design is fully staffed. Patricia Knox retired, and Kelly Thomas, who is from Loudon County, replaced her recently.

Mac Duis—spoke on how parents are wanting to know what is in place locally after viewing what took place during the Uvalde School event. Mac stated they're doubling-down on threat assessment trainings and comprehensive baseline trainings taking place this summer. Mac stated getting into a mindset of prevention is a good thing.

Lisa Jordan—Radiology Director for Centra Health Bedford Hospital stated she attended the Hidden in Plain Sight and wasn't aware of things she learned (i.e. about Kratom).

Angie Vaughn—with Horizon BH Bedford WC stated the Women's Recovery Center is transitioning over to Bedford on July 13, 2022 at the old Longwood Home from Horizon's Courtland WC previously located on Court Street, Lynchburg, VA. Angie stated the Women's Recovery Center will make available housing short term (i.e. 30 to 90 days) for those in early recovery.

Ellen Smith—with Horizon Bedford WC as the Case Manager with the Bedford FTDC stated the Family Treatment Drug Court Program recently added two new participants to the program.

Amanda Rider—with Bedford DSS APS Unit stated APS recently added two additional workers.

John Thomas—Team Leader with Horizon BH Bedford WC for Case Management stated Horizon recently hired a new Case Manager specific for Youth clients.

Tammie Brewster—with Probation and Parole Office District 20 reports that she recently returned and is happy to be back.

Kathleen Williams—with Bedford DSS CPS Prevention Unit stated they are adding new workers to help keep up with increased needs due to fall-out from the Pandemic and unstable economy. Kathleen stated she is joining the MT Team meeting to connect with resources for these individuals.

Taeyng Griffin—is a teacher at Linkhome Middle School in Lynchburg

Betty Easter—is the BARC Coordinator who attends all BARC meetings. Please contact her with any info you'd like to share concerning the 211 Registry.

Joe Girandola—stated he recently started in his new role as the Lynchburg Adult Drug Court Director with Horizon Behavioral Health. Joe stated the LADC is substance abuse focused. Joe stated the LADC recently had some participants graduate from the program. Joe stated the referrals for the LADC program go through the court system. Joe stated all LADC participants will receive Case Management services with Horizon BH.

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## ***Other Information***

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## **Resources:**

Please find below the link to the Resource Lists Joe Girandola provided:

<https://unitedwaycv.org/mdocs-posts/2019-campbell-community-resource-sheet/>

Betty Easter [barc.virginia@gmail.com](mailto:barc.virginia@gmail.com)

## **Special notes:**

Next Minds Together Action Group virtual meeting will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 10:00 am via Zoom. Please find the Zoom link below.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85079024140?pwd=ei9DSmx4S0krZmVxZFhaNWFVbXhhZz09>

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