

## **Better Together meeting notes**

**June 22, 2022**

In attendance: Lanetta Adams, Sharon Fredderking, Sandy Prange, Rhonda Wilson, Chris Blechle, Carol Mulholland, John Reith

1. Housing – Sandy will follow up on availability of cooling centers per John's question. We determined that our local hospitals would all serve as cooling centers in the event of a widespread and lengthy power outage. We did not discuss transportation or accessibility in this situation. That is Emergency Planning work through the Health Dept.
2. Resource guides – About 600 remaining. Distribution plan went well. Staying conservative with each drop allowed us to spread these around nicely. Many fantastic compliments and accounts of regular usage.
3. Recovery Capital – We are in the process of working through a Trauma-Informed workshop that is geared for our ROSC work. More to come once we work through this project. The care center vote is coming up June 18 on our Randolph County primary ballot. We have been working very hard to carry this message and encourage strong voter turnout in support of going forward with reorganization and development.
4. Recovery home planning – As we consider the possibility of utilizing the Care Center, we are now certain that it will not contain a Recovery component. This re-illustrates the need to continue research and development on a property and development of an operating program for the house to abide by. John will be reaching back to the Fletcher Group and others from the Building Rural Recovery Ecosystems summit that he is at this week.
5. People with lived experience – Our work continues to identify and recruit individuals who are in Recovery and interested in banding up with the work that we are doing. We have special considerations when engaging with someone new so that they are comfortable fitting into the group and feel welcomed to engage and participate at a level that they are comfortable with. We look for potential rising leaders within this group who may be apt for further professional development and go on to serve in more gainful and meaningful ways.
6. Work rehabilitation and training – While other projects have taken precedence with our time and focus recently, we are mindful about helping to develop a coalition of willing local employers to discuss ways that we can continue to build and foster recovery friendly/recovery ready work environments in creative and productive ways that are of mutual cross-benefit.
7. Drug Court program – Randolph County does not have a Drug Court to date. Washington and Perry Counties have been served for some time by a Drug Court program that they had ushered in which has proven to be successful. We are in ongoing research at this time, as needed and supportive of County Clerk Julie Carnahan who has been leading the charge within the Randolph County Court staff. We are hopeful that we can be ready to apply by April of 23 but there is much work yet to do. In the meantime, we can continue to build in element that help to mimic such a program. One example is to come to court on Monday mornings and help defendants seek resources there on site.

8. Individuals in need – No report this month. New category.

9. SORN – No report this month

10. Meth Prevention – We are in a holding pattern and waiting to get back with the Randolph County Sheriff Department on a three-part Meth prevention strategy the we previously pitched.

11. Community outreach –Rhonda working through Red Bud high school with Ending the Silence program. ROE has a Mental Health Money program (?)

12. Volunteer recruitment and training

**Other news, reports, comments:**

Carol Mulholland – Look for the SCH mobile units out-and-about. Have been spending much time and Trico and Sparta schools.

Chris Blechle – Mental health/illness is at the root of many problems. We need more face time, partnerships, and wrapping of clients.

Sharon Fredderking – Spelling correction for Julie Borrenpohl

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