



# SOUTHSIDE WELLNESS COALITION

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**Southside Wellness Coalition  
Membership Meeting- HYBRID  
Thursday, January 18, 2024  
Beginning at 10:00 AM  
In person at SBH Administration Conference Room  
143 Industrial Parkway, Clarksville  
Via ZOOM**

**<https://bewellsouthside.org/blog/southside-wellness-coalition-meeting-minutes-for-january-2024/>**

## **Minutes**

**Members Present:** Stephen Wilson, SWC leadership, recovery community, membership committee; Kenan Tyner-Smith; Sara Weisman, SBH Marketing Coordinator; Amy Trent, Virginia Legal Aid Society.

**Members on ZOOM** Elaina Martin, Housing Case Manager, Tri County Community Action Agency; Barbara Johnson, Community Health Worker for VDH Southside Health District; Angela Jameson, Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator Department of Veteran's Affairs; Brenna Link, Population Health Manager, VDH-Pittsylvania-Danville and Southside Health; Christine Pennington, Resilient Pathways; Kristi Mills, Mecklenburg DSS; Sgt. Jamie King, Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office; Mary M Jordan, Tri-County Community Action Agency; Stephen Troublefield, Flipp, Inc.; Laura Gosney, Director Business Development, Southstone Recovery; Elizabeth Copp, GS VA Skyline, Community Engagement Manager with Girls Scouts of VA Skyline; Andy Strader, Sentara Health Plans; Laura Castle, SWC Leadership team, Sentara Behavioral Health Services; Kristy Yancey, David Weilnau, Virginia Legal Aid Society; Tiffany Bacon- Broadnax;

**Welcome and Announcements:** *Kenan Tyner-Smith, SWC fiscal agent*- welcomed all. Our email is [swc@southsidebh.org](mailto:swc@southsidebh.org) or [prevention@southsidebh.org](mailto:prevention@southsidebh.org)

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the December 21, 2023, minutes Sherry Elaina Martin and Stephen Wilson. The minutes are stored online: <https://bewellsouthside.org/about/latest-newsletter/>

- **Guest Speaker: Amy Trent; Virginia Legal Aid Society**  
*Amy shared a PPT and overview of the services for the Virginia Legal Aid Society in our area. She also left a sampling of their brochures for future tabling events.*
- **Update on Veteran Outreach:** *The leadership team with Catherine as point of contact has secured the Clarksville VFW on February 29 for a Community Needs Assessment with support from the VA.*
- **Update from Engaging Halifax:** *Sarah Kott, lead of the recruitment team, continues to conduct outreach for folks in Halifax County to participate in their focus groups.*
- **CADCA National Forum:** *Liam, Will, Elaina and Christine will be attending the CADCA National Forum from January 30-February 1 in National Harbor. Kenan will be attending SAMHSA's Prevention Day on January 29.*
- **Community Coalitions of VA Update (CCOVA) :** *Liam has requested a seat the planning table for the state-wide summit in October. The CCOVA coordinator agreed to our participation. If you have ideas to share for this effort, please email [prevention@southsidebh.org](mailto:prevention@southsidebh.org).*
- **Trauma Informed Community Network** *There will be a Mental Health Outreach Seminar this Saturday in Chase City hosted by the Rising Development Center on Madison Avenue. Christine is planning to host ACES and REVIVE classes at Resilient Pathways soon. Also, we are supporting up to 10 folks to attend the Creating Trauma Sensitive Schools Virtual Conference on February 22&23.*
- **SWC logo update:** *Sara shared three versions of an updated logo. It was suggest that the counties be outlined and to add some natural images to the logo, such as trees, flowers; the leadership team will review next set of drafts.*
- **Leadership Team Update:** *The leadership team will conduct a retreat in Clarksville on February 17 with guidance from Paul Short of Face to Face Space*
- **Member News/ Updates:** *Will shared the Stop Scamming Seniors flier; it is on social media; it is February 7 at the Estes Center in Chase City. Also, the PIT count for our area is January 24. Elizabeth shared Join Girl Scouts this winter= Free Membership now until March 2024. Join for free by completing this interest indicator and we will help you find or start a troop <http://www.gsvsc.org/en/get-> Andy shared Optima Health is now Sentara Health Plans. [www.sentarahealthplans.com](http://www.sentarahealthplans.com); Elaina shared*

[https://www.yourgv.com/news/local\\_news/homeless-count-to-be-conducted-next-week-in-halifax-county/article\\_ac52f170-b49f-11ee-a342-93c60fe6d827.html](https://www.yourgv.com/news/local_news/homeless-count-to-be-conducted-next-week-in-halifax-county/article_ac52f170-b49f-11ee-a342-93c60fe6d827.html)

- **2023 Training Announcements:** If you are interested in registering, Email [Prevention@southsidebh.org](mailto:Prevention@southsidebh.org)  
*Virtual REVIVE- March 18, April 8, May 6 and June 10: all at 4 PM*  
*ACEs training- February 22 at Resilient Pathways, Chase City*  
*CNA at VFW Clarksville- February 29*  
*ASIST class- March 28 and 29*

***The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 AM***

**Next meeting** is HYBRID February 15, 2024 beginning at 10 AM

**Meeting link:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEuceCqpjwHtXyZshzbR683ZXG-\\_ZVIN-4](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEuceCqpjwHtXyZshzbR683ZXG-_ZVIN-4)

**Future Meeting Topics and Member Spotlights!** If you have a project, event or idea to share, please reach out. Likewise, if there is a topic that you would like us to follow up on, please let us know.

**Please link our Facebook and Instagram-** send in articles, links, and pictures to [ksmith@southsidebh.org](mailto:ksmith@southsidebh.org) or [prevention@southsidebh.org](mailto:prevention@southsidebh.org) to be posted on social media accounts. Please let Kenan know if you are not receiving our new monthly newsletter

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