



The mission of Giles Youth Adult Partnership (GYAP) is to prevent substance misuse through collaborative partnerships and actions to create safe, healthy, drug-free communities.

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2026 @ Carilion Giles Community Hospital

ATTENDING: Caryl Allen, Chair, Giles County; Stephanie Spencer, Vice-Chair, Carilion Clinic; Katie Poff, Treasurer, Giles County Department of Social Services; Jesse Glover, Giles County Public Schools; Tina Saunders, NRVCS & community member; Greg Remington, community member; Deanna Williams, community member; April Richard, Carilion; Leah Wechtaluk-McFarren, NRV CARES; Marilyn Ortega, NRV CARES; Taylor Cumbee, Giles County; Cora Taylor, Radford University/community member; J. Lynne Winebarger, NRVCS; Leslie Sharp, NRVCS; & Mike Wade, Secretary, NRVCS

I. Welcome & Introductions: Caryl welcomed those in attendance and led introductions.

II. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Leah Wechtaluk-McFarren, seconded by Stephanie Spencer.
Approved unanimously.

III. Approval of January 20, 2026 Minutes: Motion by Stephanie Spencer, seconded by Greg Remington.
Approved unanimously.

IV. 501(c)3/Scholarship Update:

Caryl and Katie were able to open a new account for GYAP with The National Bank. Mike is working on the scholarship application and will have it ready by next meeting.

V. Brief Coalition Member Updates:

Leah noted that NRV CARES would be conducting their annual pinwheel sales in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month (April). She added that the organization would be offering a new round of parenting classes.

VI. Student Engagement Update: Caryl shared that the discussion with students at NHS had been rescheduled for 2/25. Mike added that very early planning was underway regarding a youth survey.

VII. Discussion: GCPS policies regarding prohibited substances/paraphernalia:

Jesse Glover from Giles County Public Schools had been invited to hear feedback from the group regarding existing school policies on this topic, following a conversation that took place during GYAP's January meeting. J. Lynne Winebarger from NRVCS' School-Based Services was also invited to participate in the discussion. After some discussion, Jesse agreed that the policy should be adapted and that she would share the feedback with the Superintendent and School Board.

VIII. Adjournment: With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM. The next meeting will be March 17, 2026 at Carilion Giles Community Hospital.

Respectfully submitted
Mike Wade, Secretary