



“To strengthen Montgomery County’s commitment to our youth and families by reducing substance misuse, creating safe communities, and promoting health and wellness through collaborative community actions and education.”

Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2026

Attending

Ross Wilsie (MCP Co-Chair, NRVCs), Phillip Norman (Child Care Aware), Pam Ray (VA Dept of Health), Emil Morris (WRC), Erika Slagel-Perry (NRVRC), Gary Cody (Legal Aid), Melanie Taylor (Carilion), Malinda Britt (Planned Parenthood of the NRV), Stephanie Addikis (NRCC), Dee Frith (NRVCs)

Welcome & Introductions: Ross welcomed those in attendance and brief introductions were made.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Both were unanimously approved.

In Person Meeting in June or July (in C’burg at Jon’s office space) June 16th or July 21st

We will potentially take a month off in June as many members will be unable to attend. Website for location of in-person meeting: <https://skywardcoworking.com/>

Brief Member Updates and Upcoming Events

Erika - All prevention programs in schools are wrapped up for the summer but can still offer “Addicted to Life” and the “Just Say Know” programs throughout the summer. If you know anyone that would be interested in these for a possible summer school program, please contact Erika. Also, if anyone would like a Trauma Basics program, the NRV Resiliency Network can provide training to groups.

Pam - Viruses like Hanta and Ebola are out there, however not local. Measles infections are in VA. Please stay up to date on vaccinations.

Stephanie - NRCC will be hosting open houses through the NRV with various representatives from the schools. Look for more info on The Coalition Connector and our web page. (saddikis@nr.edu; 540-674-3600 x4579)

Emil – “Growing Hope” Fundraiser will be held at the Hahn Garden. Also, there is a “Teen Healthy Relationships Media Literacy Event” in coalition with NRVCs and the Radford City Public Library with a showing of the movie “Twilight” with red and green flags.

Gary - Elder Abuse Conference on June 4th at Abington’s Higher Ed Center. Free Dental Event in Wytheville by VA Dental Association at the Wytheville Meeting Center held on June 26th and 27th – please see flier.

Phillip - Registration for Igniting Connections Symposium on September 25th is now open – click [here](#).

Malinda - Teen Connections will be held in Blacksburg this summer for Middle and High School students with available spots. This will be Malinda’s last summer running the camp as she will be exclusively working with Spanish speaking beginning later this year.

Jon - The office space in Christiansburg that Jon uses is available for use.



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Vape Task Force Update

Erika will team up with Jon and possibly Kerry to find college students who may help us get the message out about the dangers of vaping, particularly for youth. Messages are far more effective from the youth voice. Will try to get some PSA’s out. Can serve as a model for high schoolers to work on as well.

Kerry is composing a letter to Lilly Franklyn introducing her to our committee in response to her outreach.

“Agent of Hope Awards” and “Day of Hope”

Ross did a recap of the two inspirational events.

Next Meeting: Will be held from 12-1 PM on 6/16/26 with the Vape Task Force meeting prior at 11:30. Both will meet virtually via Zoom. However, we may skip as many of our members will be out.