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Date : June 19, 2017

To : GWRC Board

From : Tim Ware

Subject: Opioid Work Group

You had asked that I gather additional information of how GWRC would be utilized in the Work Group established to battle the Opioid addiction issue within our region. Staff has been involved in the creation of this workgroup since the Opioid conference and town hall held last month. You had also requested that I obtain clarification of what role GWRC would play in the leadership of the group.

Structure for the effort would be as follows:

- A Healthy Community Advisory Council would be created from local leaders within the community committed to finding solutions to the Opioid problem in the area.
- The Community Collaborative for Youth and Families would provide administrative and programmatic oversight for the effort. The Collaborative is a network of organizations working to improve the lives of youth and their families in the region. By working together, the Collaborative combines existing resources to decrease the risk factor in young lives, including substance abuse, violence, criminal activity, school dropout and mental health issues. (Information attached)
- The Rappahannock Area Community Services Board (RACSB) will serve as fiscal agent.

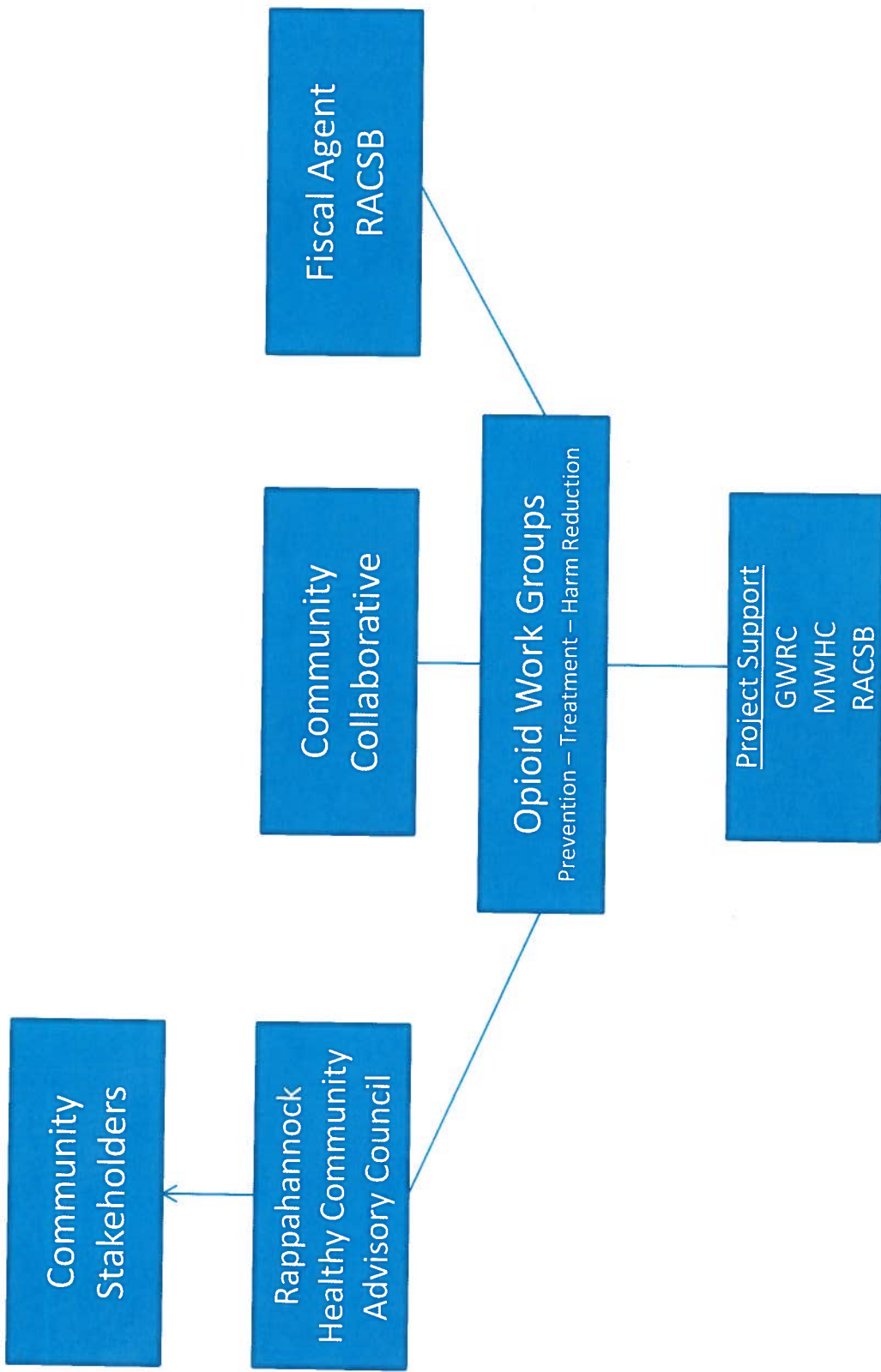
Initial discussions have indicated that GWRC, Mary Washington Healthcare and RACSB will play significant role. It is planned that there will be three work committees within the structure. They will be Prevention, Treatment and Harm Reduction. GWRC would most likely staff these committees offering administrative support and meeting preparation. The Agency would also be very active in searching for funding opportunities that would support the total effort financially.



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# Organizational Structure

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## Community Collaborative for Youth and Families

[www.thecommunitycollaborative.org](http://www.thecommunitycollaborative.org)

### *Our Mission:*

*Cultivate a thriving community through an inclusive collaborative helping youth and families acquire the foundation to be stable and successful.*

### **Fact Sheet**

#### **What is a collaborative?**

A collaborative is a network of organizations working toward a unified set of goals, which can be most successfully achieved by joining forces.

#### **How does a collaborative work?**

Member organizations evaluate their service strengths, compare them with unmet community needs and develop a plan to jointly address these needs.

#### **What is the mission of our Collaborative?**

To improve the lives of youth and their families in Planning District 16. By working together, the Collaborative combines resources to decrease the risk factor in young lives, including substance abuse, violence, criminal activity, school dropout and mental health issues.

#### **What does the Collaborative hope to accomplish?**

The Collaborative strives to promote resiliency through skill building by identifying gaps in services and reaching those who may fall through the cracks. The assumption is that by working together a more productive outcome will be reached than by working independently. The Collaborative gives temporary support to help residents achieve permanent change.

#### **Who are members of the Collaborative?**

Approximately 30-35 members represent a range of social services non-profit organizations and local government agencies.

#### **How is the Collaborative structured?**

The Rappahannock Office on Youth is the fiscal agent for the Collaborative. The Collaborative consists of a Chairman and Vice Chairman, a leadership group and various committees. All serve as volunteers. Donna Krauss is Chairperson and Michelle Wagaman is the Vice Chairman. Ben Nagle is the Chairman Emeritus. Committees are: Education and Training; Membership; Marketing and Media; Fund Development; and Data and Evaluation.

#### **What is the Collaborative's value to agencies and the community?**

By organizing partnerships, the Collaborative is able to deliver more comprehensive services and more effectively meet community needs. This approach allows easier access to services by community members. Grantors look favorably upon partnerships.

#### **How will the Collaborative be funded?**

Each organization in the Collaborative already seeks funds to operate. The Collaborative will require relatively small grant funding to coordinate the efforts of member organizations.

#### **What can you do?**

Examine your organization to determine the best way of working with other groups and bring your ideas to the Collaborative. Together, we will achieve a multiplier effect on improving lives!

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### **Committee Structure**

The Community Collaborative for Youth and Families maintains six (6) committees that support the organizational structure. An overview is provided below for each of those committees.

#### **Leadership Team**

**Purpose:** *Provide leadership and guidance to the Collaborative. Act as the administrative oversight authority for all Collaborative functions.*

#### **Members:**

- Donna Krauss, Chairperson
- Michelle Wagaman, Vice-Chairperson
- Bobby Anderson
- Michelle Hedrich
- Ben Nagle, Chairman Emeritus
- Sarah Walsh

#### **Membership Committee**

**Chairman:** Fran Meyer

**Purpose:** *To support the growth and sustainability of the Collaborative through recruitment of new members, orientation, and retention of members to enhance efforts of the Collaborative.*

#### **Objectives:**

- Plan and implement orientation meetings;
- Share and explain promotional materials to potential members while ensuring current members have access to current materials;
- Identify and recruit new members; and
- Cultivate connectivity among current members.

#### **Education and Training Committee**

**Chairman:** Deb Lokrantz

**Purpose:** *To plan, host, and collaborate on trainings and workshops to educate the community as a whole. Through our events, provide other committees and partnering agencies with information for planning, collaboration, marketing, professional development and recruiting purposes.*

#### **Objectives:**

- Contact agencies and community partners to compile and maintain a list of existing programs, educational activities, and scheduled events;
- Identify unmet needs in the community; and
- Design and implement quarterly educational events and evaluation activities.

#### **Data and Evaluation Committee**

**Chairman:** Sherry Norton-Williams

**Purpose:** *To collect and analyze the data collected in Planning District 16 by the Collaborative and use the information to evaluate the activities as it relates to the strategic plan.*

#### **Objectives:**

- Partner with Planning District 16 school systems to facilitate student participation in survey;
- Collect and tabulate data into reports;
- Collect and analyze data from partnering agencies as it relates to the proposed outcomes/activities in the strategic plan; and
- Annually report the outcomes achieved by partnering agencies as it relates to the Collaborative.

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**Marketing and Media Committee**

**Chairman:** Vassi Griffis

**Purpose:** *To promote and publicize all events and trainings carried out by the Collaborative as well as other events being held within Planning District 16 that support the purpose of the Collaborative. To ensure that all committee members, other community partners and potential participants/families are aware of Collaborative initiatives and activities.*

**Objectives:**

- Create and distribute all marketing materials for events hosted by the Collaborative;
- Monitor other similar/relevant events of participating Collaborative organizations; and
- Brainstorm additional methods for improved publicity of events/trainings to increase participation year-to-year.

**Funds Development Committee**

**Chairmen:** Michelle Hedrich

**Purpose:** *To identify and acquire the funds necessary to support the endeavors of partnering agencies in the Collaborative and specific Prevention activities identified in the strategic plan of the Collaborative for Planning District 16.*

**Objectives:**

- Research grant funding;
- Coordinate grant writing for the Collaborative;
- Plan fundraising events
- Connect partnering agencies with available funding opportunities; and
- Develop partnerships for available fund requests.