

Virginia Addiction & Recovery Council (VARC)

December 5, 2024 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Physical Location: Virginia Department of Social Services

5600 Cox Rd

Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

1st Floor Conf Rms

Victor McKenzie Jr., Chair

Del. Adele McClure, Secretary

- I. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**..... Victor McKenzie Jr., Chair
Attendance: We ask that each member share his/her role on the council and how long he/she has served
- II. **Review of Minutes from September 26, 2024 Meeting**..... Victor McKenzie Jr., Chair
- III. **Old Business**
 - A. Determine schedule for 2025
 - a. Do we need another January/February meeting if wanting to create legislative endorsement letter?
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. *Presentation: Recovery Corps Overview*, Nathan Mitchell, Program Coach
 - B. *Discussion regarding visit to Indian Creek Correctional Center*
 - a. Thoughts from participants regarding peer services and substance use services in carceral setting
 - C. *Presentation: Mainspring Recovery Overview*, Yitzy Halon, CEO
 - a. Point of Discussion for Council:

While Virginia encourages investment in High Intensity Residential SUD facilities by setting a relatively high-rate cap, facilities are required to submit actual costs during each re-basement period. Based on these costs, DMAS will adjust the reimbursement rate, typically lowering it unless the facility's costs meet or exceed the rate cap.

 - This re-basement process poses potential financial challenges for facilities in regard to reducing margins and impacting potential long-term viability.
 - i. What does the Council think in regard to how changes to regulations affects facilities and what changes if any need to occur?
- V. **Public Comment (5-minute speaking limit)**
- VI. **Adjournment**