

# Q1: Meeting Minutes



Date : February 18, 2025

## ED Report

- Highlighted collaborative partnerships, including subcontracts with Community Connections, Inc. and WVU's Center for Excellence in Disabilities, as well as grant submissions with Pretera Center and WV Prevention Solutions.
- Hope Gala - only 10 tickets left purchase [here!](#)
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**49**   
Meeting Attendance

## Regional Strategy Rooms

**Region 1:** Dara Pond shared an update on upcoming grants, highlighting opportunities from Try This WV.

**Region 2:** Angie Gray and Erin Gaertner noted that having this time to connect with nearby partners was beneficial and also discussed an upcoming bill that could increase the qualifying age for SNAP benefits.

**Region 3:** Amy Snodgrass, Nina Riivald, and Victoria Taylor shared that they are glad to have joined WVHIAA, as it has helped them connect with new contacts.

**Region 4:** Jeremy Dixon, Scott Baker, and John Barton shared that they appreciate the breakout sessions with their region, as they provide a great opportunity to exchange training resources and opportunities.

**Region 5:** Tina Ramirez reported on the delays in funding and how they are effecting their region.

**Region 6:** Gary Roberts shared it was great to have the opportunity to talk with other individuals in his region. During their breakout session, they shared resources and funding opportunities.

## Resource Review

Austin Persinger provided a resource review for APP UP, Marshall University's Center of Excellence for Recovery Appalachian specific prevention initiative.

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