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CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, QUALLA BOUNDARY, NC

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RESOLUTION NO. 222 (2024)

A resolution to allocate funding received from a Tribal opioid lawsuit settlement.

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has received distributions from a Tribal opioid lawsuit settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Coordinating Committee (TCC) formed a TCC Opioid Funding Workgroup with representation from multiple Tribal programs and entities to determine the best way to expend the funds; and

WHEREAS, the TCC Opioid Funding Workgroup recently approved the two funding requests in Exhibit "A" for submission to Tribal Council for review; and

WHEREAS, additional details on the two requests are in Exhibits "B" and "C".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, that the funding requests in Exhibit "A" are approved and shall be funded by the opioid lawsuit settlement funds.

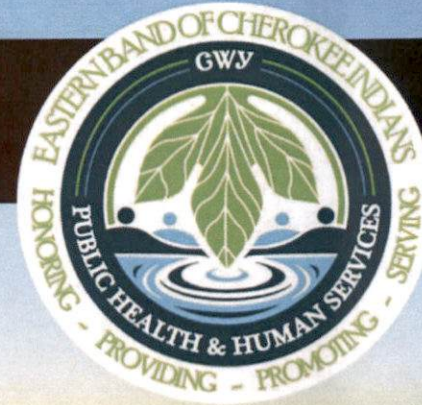
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED this resolution shall be effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief, and all prior resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded.

Submitted by: The TCC Opioid Funding Workgroup

Exhibit "A"

No.	Description	Approved Amount
1.	2024 and 2025 Cherokee Rally for Recovery Food and Speaker Costs	\$65,000 (\$32,500 for FY24 and \$32,500 for FY25)
2.	Funding to contract Sunrise Community for Recovery and Wellness "Siquo Danvhna Reentry Program" to provide services to Cherokee community members	\$97,360 for FY24

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
Public Health & Human Services



2024 Cherokee Rally for Recovery Food & Speaker Costs

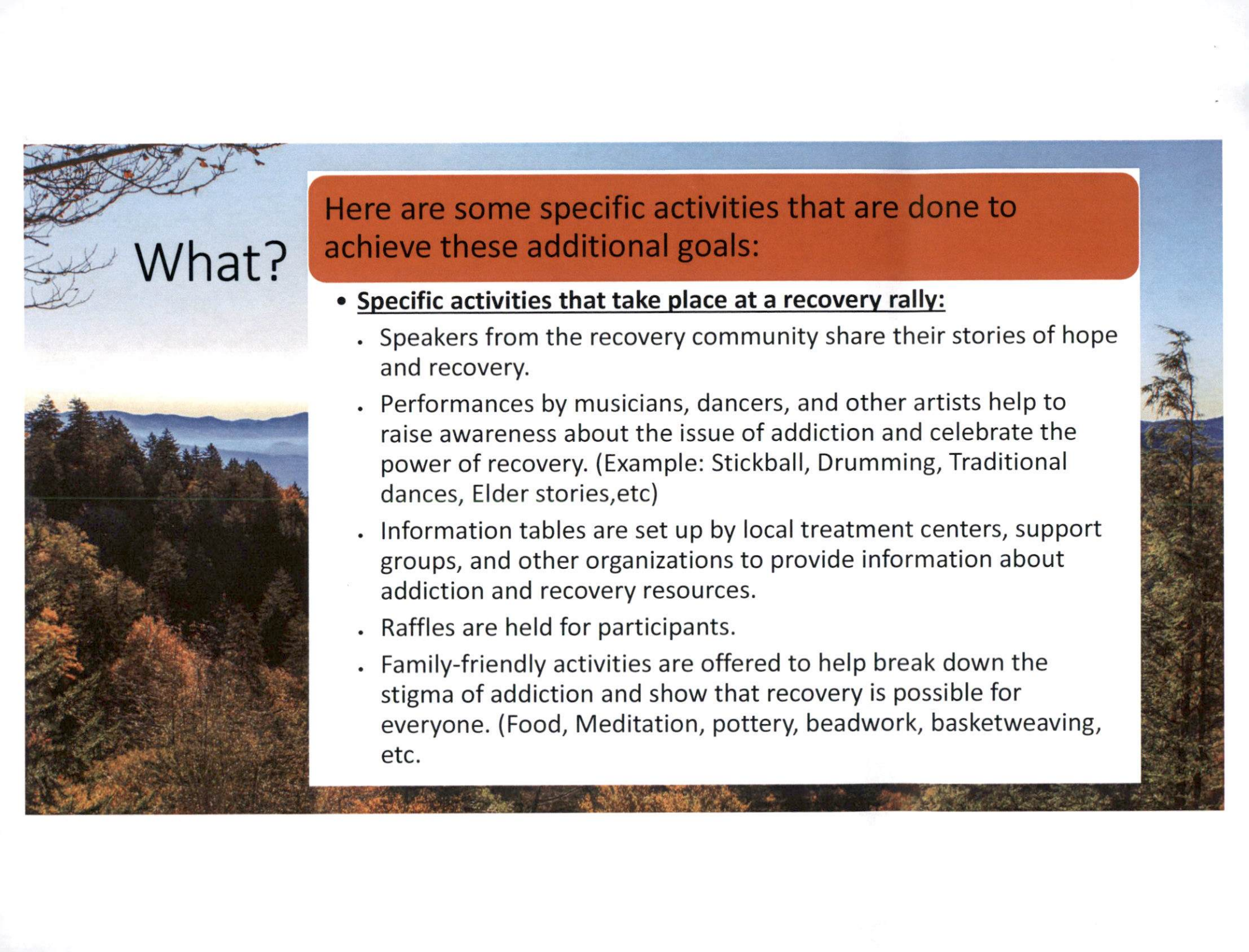
By: Sheena K. Lambert
Public Health Director

Presented to: TCC Opioid Funding Workgroup- TCC subcommittee

Date: Friday, April 19 from 11:00am-12:00pm

How much?

- We are asking for funds to cover the food portion **only** for the Recovery Rally. We currently have CDC funds to cover the rest. However, food cost is **not** allowed by the grant.
- We are asking for a **GRAND TOTAL of: \$32,500 (For FY 24). For FY 24 & FY 25 it would be \$65,000**
 - \$20,000 for participant food
 - Breakdown (\$25 Per person X 800 participants)
 - Last year (2023) the planning committee asked tribal council to cover this cost. We estimated 350 participants and ran out of food because we had almost 500 participants. This year we anticipate that number to be more.
 - \$7,500 for staff food
 - Breakdown (\$25 Per person X 150 staff *breakfast* that are setting up for the event = \$3,750)
 - Breakdown (\$25 Per person X 150 staff *lunch* that are setting up for the event = \$3,750)
 - \$5,000 for Guest Speaker –Dr. Stephen Loyd
 - Michael Keaton’s character, Dr. Samuel Finnick, in “Dopesick” is partly based on Dr. Stephen Lloyd’s life story.
 - Dr. Lloyd is a Nashville addiction specialist who struggled with opioid addiction himself. He once abused pain pills, taking as many as 100 a day.
 - His personal experience and extensive knowledge about addiction made him a valuable resource for the show’s writers

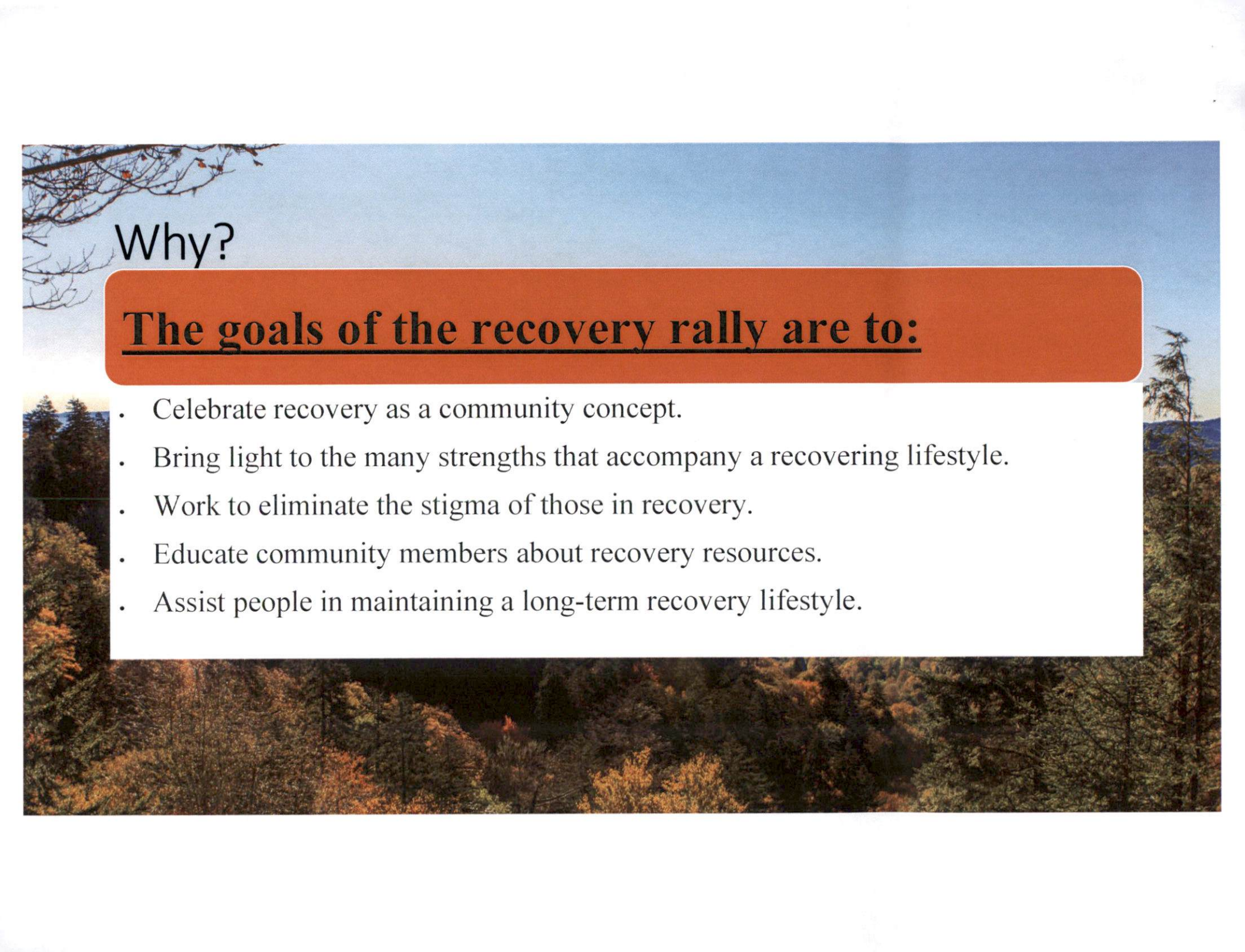


What?

Here are some specific activities that are done to achieve these additional goals:

- **Specific activities that take place at a recovery rally:**

- Speakers from the recovery community share their stories of hope and recovery.
- Performances by musicians, dancers, and other artists help to raise awareness about the issue of addiction and celebrate the power of recovery. (Example: Stickball, Drumming, Traditional dances, Elder stories, etc)
- Information tables are set up by local treatment centers, support groups, and other organizations to provide information about addiction and recovery resources.
- Raffles are held for participants.
- Family-friendly activities are offered to help break down the stigma of addiction and show that recovery is possible for everyone. (Food, Meditation, pottery, beadwork, basketweaving, etc.



Why?

The goals of the recovery rally are to:

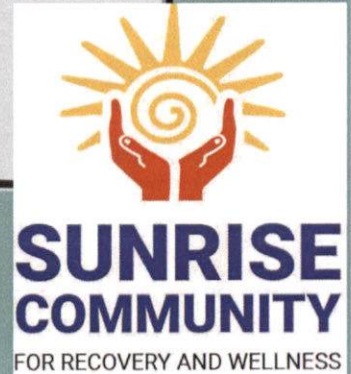
- Celebrate recovery as a community concept.
- Bring light to the many strengths that accompany a recovering lifestyle.
- Work to eliminate the stigma of those in recovery.
- Educate community members about recovery resources.
- Assist people in maintaining a long-term recovery lifestyle.

Exhibit C

Siquo Danvhna

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"They are Living Again"



Siquo Danvha Annual Report FY 2024

- Total Intakes: 172
 - Demographics: 60 Male, 112 Female
 - Referral Sources: EBCI Tribal Justice System (50%), CIHA (30%), Self-Referral (15%), Other Agencies (5%)
- Support Services Provided: Housing (48), Clothing (50), Food (42), Hygiene Products (39), Other (15), ID Assistance (18)
- Communication Support: Straight Talk phones provided (75)
 - Resource Connection: Participants connected to various resources (60)
 - Support Activities: Jail Visits (76), Transportation (88), Housing Support (25), Care Bags (53)
- Outcome: Rearrests (62), Deaths (3)





"THE WHAT & WHY"

Objective:



Establish, implement, and enhance culturally tailored re-entry peer support services within the Tribal justice system. The goal is to provide re-entry programming that honors cultural traditions and values through peer support, focusing on improving substance use recovery and reducing recurrence of arrests or re-entry into the justice system.


Background:

Statistics from the National Institute of Justice highlight a significant number of individuals facing rearrest within a few years post-release from incarceration. However, since the inception of Sunrise's Siquo Danvha peer support re-entry program in 2022, there has been a noticeable decrease in re-entry rates on the Qualla Boundary. With a successful re-entry rate of 36%, further enhancement is sought through the establishment of a local Drop-In Center for participants. This center would offer a secure environment for one-on-one peer support, support groups, resource guidance, and more. The proposed initiative aims to expand existing re-entry services and introduce a Sunrise peer support drop-in center on the Qualla Boundary.

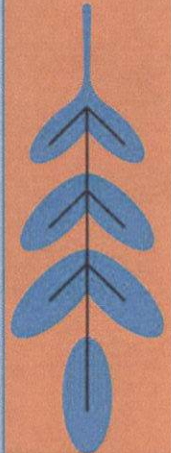
Service Gaps Addressed:

Sunrise's efforts target essential service gaps, including transportation access, housing planning, wellness recovery action plans, resources addressing social determinants of health, and culturally sensitive peer support across all stages of the justice system—from emergency services to arrest, court proceedings, detention, re-entry, and probation.





Tribal programs/resources that enhance the success of this initiative (Continued "The Who")

- **Tribal Justice System:** Cherokee Police Chief actively involved, offering ongoing support.
 - **EBCI Courts:** Collaborate with Sunrise peer supports to aid justice-involved individuals, reducing recidivism.
 - **Legal Assistance Office and Tribal Prosecutor:** Facilitate connections between Sunrise and clients for legal outcomes.
 - **Tribal Probation:** Utilize peer support for compliance, including transportation to appointments.
 - **Cherokee Detention staff:** Aid in reentry planning, community resource awareness, and reducing recidivism.
 - **EBCI Family Safety:** Engage Sunrise Peer Support for parents with substance use issues.
 - **Domestic Violence Program and Shelter:** Expand services with Peer Supports.
 - **EBCI PHHS:** Collaborate with Sunrise for community training and recovery events.
 - **EBCI Police Commission:** Facilitate community-justice communications.
 - **EBCI Executive Office & Tribal Council:** Express support for the program.
 - **CIHA Recovery Community Center and Residential Treatment Center:** Partner with Sunrise for improved recovery outcomes, offering transportation and advocacy.
 - **Cherokee Community Clubs:** Provide meeting spaces for counseling.
 - **Cherokee Methodist Church:** Offer office and meeting space for the Drop-In Center.
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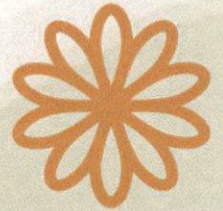


Siquo Danvhna Team (THE WHO)

Harold "Bumper" Smith, an Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians member, champions recovery as the cornerstone of his life's achievements. As a father and Re-entry Peer Navigator at Siquo Danvhna, he dedicates himself to guiding others toward healing and purpose amidst substance use and mental health challenges

Marissa Bradley, a formerly incarcerated woman and proud mother of indigenous children, celebrates seven years of sobriety. She's enrolled in Southwestern Community College studying Human Services with a focus on Addiction and Recovery. Marissa works as a Peer Support Specialist at Sunrise Community for Recovery and Wellness, dedicating herself to helping others through Siquo Danvhna, a Cherokee re-entry program, and giving back to her community every day.

Samantha Bradley, an Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians member, serves as a peer support specialist at Sunrise Community for Recovery and Wellness, also directing RCO and supervising Siquo Danvhna "They are Living" Reentry. Her wellness journey includes various tools like medication-assisted treatment, CrossFit, travel, motherhood, harm reduction, meditation, and prayer. Samantha's commitment lies in enhancing the wellness of her EBCI community and fostering support networks across western North Carolina counties.



The attached Resolution/Ordinance 222 dated JUNE 6, 2024 was:

PASSED (X)

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and ratified in open Council on June 06, 2024 by 94 voting for the act and 0 members voting against it as follows:

VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Richard French	X			
Perry Shell	X			
Boyd Owle	X			
Bucky Brown	X			
Tom Wahnetah	X			
David Wolfe	X			
Adam Wachacha				X
Mike Parker	X			
Bo Crowe	X			
Jim Owle	X			
Dike Sneed	X			
Michael Stamper	X			
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Mike Parker

TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Michelle Thompson

ENGLISH CLERK

Michael Hiles

PRINCIPAL CHIEF

APPROVED (✓) VETOED ()

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DATE: 6-25-24

I hereby certify that the foregoing act of the Council was duly:

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and ratified in open Council after the same has been interpreted by the Official Interpreter and has been fully and freely discussed.

INTERPRETED ()

OMITTED ()