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Beckley Community Recovery Events for March 18-19 To Be Paused

Beckley, W.Va. (March 15, 2024) – Community events planned for March 18-19 in Beckley to celebrate progress in offering programs for those recovering from substance use will be paused for the time being, according to Jay Phillips, President and CEO of Seed Sower, Inc., and chair of the Recovery Community Organization (RCO) serving southern West Virginia.

“Recent misinformation about the proposed designation of Beckley as an Inclusive Recovery City (IRC) has made the planned events no longer constructive, so we will take a pause and refocus our attention on continuing to serve and accept those in our community who are seeking help in their recovery journeys,” said Phillips. “It is my sincere hope that we can leverage our regional support for recovery efforts and revisit an opportunity for meaningful dialogue, allowing everyone to voice their concerns and listen with open minds and hearts.” Phillips said more than 200 people registered to attend the March 19 community gathering in Beckley to celebrate designating the city to become the first Inclusive Recovery City in America.

Joining in support were a dozen leading non-profit, business, education and healthcare organizations supporting the recovery efforts that are already in place in southern West Virginia.

Phillips joined Seed Sower in 2019 and began bringing in advisors and building partnerships to make the recovery support services vision a reality. “The region has embraced recovery efforts to offer safe, stable housing, transportation, workforce training and peer recovery support services focusing on southern West Virginia,” said Phillips.

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Seed Sower, Inc. – Our first priority is safe, supervised housing and our growth has allowed Seed Sower to also focus on meeting the practical needs of our residents, such as transportation, recovery support, mental and behavioral healthcare coordination, 12-step and other recovery programming, life-skills development, and community reintegration.

Seed Sower offers a comprehensive recovery and residential plan that networks multiple community, state and federal resources to provide evidence-based support services to our adult, women residents. These supports are built around the four major dimensions of recovery support as identified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): Home, Health, Purpose and Community. Our work is grounded in creating a larger, holistic Recovery Ecosystem to sustain long-term recovery. More details are at

<https://seedsowerinc.org/>