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**Fayette County’s Chris Fussell of McChrystal Group  
Joins West Virginia Hive Network Advisory Council**

**Beckley, W.Va. (Feb. 1)** – A prestigious Fayette County Veteran has joined the advisory council of the West Virginia Hive Network, Christopher “Chris” Fussell, president of McChrystal Group.

Judy Moore, director of WV Hive, said Fussell brings “incredible leadership experiences and business insights to our southern West Virginia business community.”

Fussell is a former Navy SEAL officer and president of McChrystal Group, a premier leadership and management consulting firm founded by General Stan McChrystal. Since leaving the military in 2012, Fussell has focused on bringing his Special Operations experience and expertise in cross-functional collaboration, knowledge sharing, and decision making with large corporations facing similar challenges.

Fussell was commissioned as a Naval Officer in 1997 and spent the next 15 years on U.S. Navy SEAL teams. After returning from Iraq, he went on to study Irregular Warfare from the Naval Postgraduate School, earning a master's degree and receiving the Pat Tillman Award for highest peer-rated Special Operations Officer in the program.

In 2012, Fussell left the Naval Special Warfare Development Group to join the McChrystal Group. Fussell is also co-author of the New York Times bestseller, “Team of Teams: New Rules of Engagement in a Complex World,” with General McChrystal, and the lead author of the Wall Street Journal bestseller, “One Mission: How Leaders Build a Team of Teams.” Fussell serves as a Senior Fellow for National Security at New America, a board member of the Naval

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Postgraduate School Foundation, a Fellow and teacher at Yale's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs and is a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Moore said Fussell is a native of Virginia Beach but rock climbing in the late 1990's brought him to West Virginia and the New River Gorge region. "We are so pleased Chris and his family have located in Fayette County," she said. "It is a privilege for the Hive to have such a knowledgeable and experienced leader to help us further develop the entrepreneurship support ecosystem for the region."

Fussell joins seven other members of the WV Hive Network Advisory Council who meet quarterly to offer strategic advice and counsel to Moore, her Hive staff, and the businesses they serve.

The WV Hive is the entrepreneurship program of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority and the administrator of the Country Roads Angel Network. More information about the Hive can be found at <https://wvhive.com/>.

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