

The Brantley County Family Connection Meeting Minutes

The Brantley County Family Connection (BCFC) Collaborative conducted their monthly meeting on Friday, August 11, 2023 at 1:00pm at the ARK Center. There were 19 members present, 7 in-person and 12 via Zoom.

Chairman Fairiby Frye called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone. Partners were asked to introduced themselves.

Dawn Deen reminded partners that everyone has a voice at the table.

Old Business

Approval of the May 12, 2023 Collaborative and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Sheron Brooker made a motion for the May 12, 2023 Collaborative and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes to be approved as submitted. Renee Mumford seconded the motion; all in favor with none opposed, the motion stands approved.

Approval of the May, June and July 2023 BCFC Finance Report

Michelle Lee made a motion for the May, June, and July 2023 BCFC Finance Report be approved as submitted. Shannon Murray seconded the motion; all in favor with none opposed, the motion stands approved.

New Business

Special Guest, Ellen Herrin, Called the Care Brantley

Called to Care serves 22 counties in Georgia and are among the top three agencies that work with foster children and families to provide education and resources. They provide advocacy and support for urgent needs, mentorship, trainings and spread awareness. Their Facebook page is their top source to get information out to the community. Their six focus areas are foster care, adoption, missions, youth, trauma education and case manager support. Currently Called to Care Brantley is looking for storage space to store big items like beds, mattresses, and cribs.

**May, June, and July 2023 Directors Report*

Chairman Fairiby Frye informed partners that a copy of the May, June and July 2023 Directors Reports were included in the meeting packet for their review and turned it over to Dawn Deen.

Dawn informed partners that Jr. Police Academy went off without a hitch with 18 cadets graduating. A huge thank you to County Commission for replacing the air conditioner. The office was only out of air conditioning for a week. Okefenokee Alliance for the Homeless (OATH) has opened a thrift store, The Second Chance Market. Their ribbon cutting ceremony was May 11th. The Nahunta End of School Bash had an estimated 500 children, youth and families in attendance. As part of the Future Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Advisory Council she assisted with their banquet and end of school party. She worked to organize the off-site storage room. Know Your Worth Awareness Week has been planned. County Commission has agreed to put purple lights in the county buildings for September and Mayor Maefield along with County Commissioner Skipper Harris have both agreed to sign proclamations making the second week in September Know Your Worth Awareness Week!

She also informed partners that a few changes were made to the reports that include donations received for the month including in-kind donations.

**FY24 MOU for Dawn Deen*

Chairman Fairiby Frye informed partners that a copy of Dawn Deen's FY24 signed MOU was included in the meeting packet for their review.

**FY24 Responsibilities of a Georgia Family Connection Collaborative and Companion*

Chairman Fairiby Frye asked partners to take a moment and read over the FY24 Responsibilities of a Georgia Family Connection Collaborative. Dawn Deen stated that even though the collaborative just approved the document a few months back, due to a new chairman being appointed the document has to be approved again. If there are not any questions a motion is needed to approve.

Sheron Brooker made a motion to approve the FY24 Responsibilities of a Georgia Family Connection Collaborative. Lisa Gillis seconded the motion; all in favor with none opposed, the motion stands approved.

**FY24 Reporting Dates to Remember*

Chairman Fairiby Frye informed partners that these dates are set by Georgia Family Connection. A copy has been provided for everyone's records

**Region 12 PTP Operation Guidelines*

Chairman Fairiby Frye informed partners that this document includes a description of what the Peer-to-Peer Network (PTPN) is, the roles and responsibilities and meeting dates. Dawn Deen reported that she has been appointed the Vice Chairman for the Region 12 PTPN and wanted to ensure the collaborative had the information.

**4th Quarter Report, Submitted*

Chairman Fairiby Frye informed partners that the 4th quarter report was submitted to Georgia Family Connection via Clix closing out our FY23 with a zero balance.

**2023 Parent Survey Results, Ferst Readers*

Chairman Fairiby Frye explained that BCFC is the Community Action Team Lead for Brantley County. Every year Ferst Readers completes a parent survey to get feedback. The 2023 Parent Survey Results are attached to the meeting packet. There were 1,353 responses to the survey. Michelle Maddox with Ferst Readers was unable to attend today's meeting but wanted to share a few statistics with you:

- Brantley has 1,036 children under the age of 5 according to the US Census and Ferst Readers is serving 7% of the birth to five population
- 93% of students receive free or reduce lunch and
- Brantley Counties reading proficiency rate is 19%

**JumpStart Read for the Record*

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that BCFC is partnering with Head Start for JumpStart Read for the Record on October 26th. Dawn has ordered the books "With LOTS of LOVE" that she will read to the students. Afterwards each Head Start student will receive a book and an activity will be done with them.

**FY24 MOA with Southeast Health District, TRUST Partnership*

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that a copy of the MOA signed with Southeast Health District is attached for your records. As part of the leadership team with the TRUST Coalition, Southeast Health District provides \$2,000 for BCFC to host every third TRUST Meeting.

Georgia Recovers Partnership

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that Dawn Deen has signed up to partner with Georgia Recovers through the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. As part of the partnership BCFC will share Georgia Recovers webinars, campaigns, and media content via social media. In return BCFC will get shout outs and recognition on their website.

**TRUST Update, Know Your Worth & PSA Report*

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that The TRUST Coalition has created Know Your Worth Awareness Week. A flyer has been attached with more information. BCFC is hosting the FY24 kickoff meeting for TRUST Thursday, September 7th from 9 – 11:30am at the Hoboken Community Center. After the meeting there will be a short ceremony where partners will place 127 purple pin wheels out at the court house. Leading up to the meeting there are themed days that we encourage partners and the community participate in. Monday is Labor Day so there is no theme. Tuesday is Trust the Purple Spot Day. Dawn has purple dots that each partner can have to decorate their windows. Wednesday is sock it to Suicide and Drug Misuse Day by wearing silly socks. Thursday is Know Your Worth Day. You can wear purple or order your Know Your Worth t-shirt via the order form attached. Friday is Shade out Stigma Day.

Chandler McGee and Katie Douberly with Southeast Health District worked very hard on two audio public service announcements for the TRUST Coalition that were played on audio marketing networks including Spotify, Audiology and Sound Cloud. In the first 15 days they were played 66,756 times. The PSA's are attached for your records.

**OATH Update, July 2023 Navigator Report & Meal Train*

Chairman Fairiby Frye informed partners that the July Navigators Report for OATH along with the meal train information is attached to the meeting packet. As part of the OATH Board Dawn wants to make sure that the collaborative knows what is going on in case a board member or collaborative member is ever approached with questions.

**Vitality Survey*

It's time again to gauge the Collaborative's impressions of BCFC through the Collaborative Vitality Survey. The Survey is conducted online to ensure consistency in administration. Every Family Connection Collaborative is required to participate and have at least 10 individuals complete the survey. While 10 is the minimum, every completed survey exceeding that number will give you a better representative picture. Completing the Collaborative Vitality Survey is integral to one of our core values, commitment to accountability to yourself, your members, and your community. The survey is an anonymous, personal way to assess perceptions of your Collaborative's performance from a broad cross-section of members. GaFCP will not use the findings to sanction or reward your Collaborative, and will provide you with customized findings from your members' responses.

Any Other New Business/Partner Updates

Chairman Fairiby Frye reminded partners that partner flyers and updates are emailed every Friday.

Community Service Board of Middle Georgia, Jessica Willis

They are currently accepting application for their Wrap Around services. It is for individuals 5 to 21 years of age with mental health diagnosis. Please refer individuals to apply. They do bill insurance and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities does assist with those without insurance.

Brantley County DFCS, Dawn Deen

Traci Carter, Director for both Brantley and Charlton Counties was unable to attend the meeting but asked that Dawn remind partners that the Brantley County office is open on Tuesday's from 9am to 3pm for the general public to go in and receive assistance. Case managers are not in house. The reason for the open hours is for those without internet and/or get one on one help. Other days and times are available by appointment only. Forms and applications are outside the front door in the blue box, it is checked and restocked daily for the general public to pick up.

Hospice Satilla, Misty Strickland

Camp Hope is a grief and bereavement camp for children 5-18 years of age. Camp activities include arts and crafts, horseback riding, therapeutic groups, lawn sports, rock climbing and bounce houses. More information will be sent out with the partner updates today.

Brantley County Board of Education, Lisa Gillis

Child Find brochures have been updated and will be sent out soon.

Brantley County Board of Education, Michelle Lee

Hoboken Safety Day is September 16, 2023

Brantley County Family Connection, Dawn Deen

Confirmation has been received from County Commission that the portion of the building that holds the BCFC office, meeting room and on-site storage will be not demolished when the new courthouse is built. Dawn Deen asked to add the purchase of a tv for the meeting room be added to the meeting agenda in order to make the hybrid meetings better for everyone in attendance. Currently the partners that are in person have to sit in the dark in order to see the partners attending via Zoom. After a short discussion it was unanimous to purchase a tv for the meeting room.

Sheron Brooker made a motion for a tv to be purchased and placed in the meeting room. Lisa Gillis seconded the motion; all in favor with none opposed, the motion stands approved.

Dawn Deen reported that herself and Laura Kelley have been working with Facebook since early June to switch the email address on the BCFC Facebook page and to separate it from her personal Facebook page. Dawn made the decision to delete the current Facebook page for BCFC and create a new one so that Laura did not loose her personal page. As soon a new page is created the link will be sent out to all partners.

The next Brantley County Family Connection Board of Directors and Collaborative meeting to be September 8, 2023 at 1pm both in person at the ARK Center and via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Included in meeting packet.

Meeting CHAT attached

May 12, 2023 BCFC Collaborative and Board of Directors Meeting CHAT

12:57:18 From Dawn Deen to Everyone:

Good Afternoon Everyone. Please sign in the chat with you name and organization for a record of attendance.

12:57:42 From Renee Mumford to Everyone:

Renee Mumford, retired

12:57:54 From Fairiby Frye, Southeast Ga CASA to Everyone:

Fairiby Frye, Southeast Ga CASA

12:59:39 From Andrew Altman to Everyone:

Andrew Altman, Region 9 RTAC/Nahunta Fire

13:00:23 From michelle lee to Everyone:

Michelle Lee, Brantley County Fire Association, Brantley County Schools

13:01:10 From Guynell to Everyone:

Guynell Grant - Coastal Pines Technical College Adult Education Program.

13:02:48 From Andrew Altman to Everyone:

I'm on sorry

13:11:56 From Kristi Hames to Everyone:

Kristi Hames, Area Agency on Aging, khames@sgrc.us

13:30:45 From Andrew Altman to Everyone:

Get it

13:30:48 From Guynell Grant - Adult Education to Everyone:

Sounds like a great idea!!

13:30:58 From Andrew Altman to Everyone:

That view sonic that the board has is a different type

13:31:10 From Andrea Daigle/LIFE Inc to Everyone:

Dawn, if yall are willing to travel to Screven we have a large office at LIFE with plenty of space. We are more than willing to host future meetings as needed.