

## **The Brantley County Family Connection Meeting Minutes**

The Brantley County Family Connection (BCFC) Collaborative conducted their monthly meeting on Friday, September 8, 2023 at 1:00pm at the ARK Center. There were 16 members present, 6 in-person and 10 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.

Karen Harrell with the Brantley County Exchange Club presented Dawn Deen with a check in the amount of \$100 towards Teen Maze.

### **Old Business**

#### *Approval of the August 11, 2023 Collaborative and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes*

Traci Carter made a motion for the August 11, 2023 Collaborative and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes to be approved as submitted. Misty Strickland seconded the motion; all in favor with none opposed, the motion stands approved.

#### *Approval of the August 2023 BCFC Finance Report*

Melissa Fombellida made a motion for the August 2023 BCFC Finance Report be approved as submitted. Misty Strickland seconded the motion; all in favor with none opposed, the motion stands approved.

### **New Business**

#### *Special Guest, Misty Strickland, Hospice Satilla*

Misty has been with Hospice Satilla for 11 years as a social worker going in to homes to assist with resources. She is also a grief counselor. They facilitate grief support groups. They are open to the community; a loved one does not have to have been provided services to attend and provided free of charge.

Camp Hope was being held every other year and then took a back burner when Covid 19 hit but has been brought back and being offered yearly. There were 30 youth in attendance last year. The event is scheduled for October 14, 2023 at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. Registration starts at 8am. The camp ends around 6pm with the family coming back to attend a dinner with their youth. Their Jr. Board of Directors raise money for the camp through fundraisers including Cowboys for Kids. The youth that attend will receive a t-shirt and can participate in arts and crafts, horseback riding, therapeutic groups, lawn sports, rock climbing and bounce houses. There are certified counselors on site to help with youth. The deadline to register for the camp is September 22, 2023. Anyone can make a referral for the camp.

Check out their Facebook page and website. Referrals can be sent to Misty Strickland at [misty.strickland@hospicesatilla.com](mailto:misty.strickland@hospicesatilla.com).

#### *\*August 2023 Directors Report*

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

Dawn informed partners that 24 Know Your Worth t-shirts were ordered from the community, three were ordered from donations that went to two students at the high school and one to a student at Hoboken Elementary School. Resilient Georgia purchased t-shirts for the Varsity Cheerleaders along with sunglasses that the cheerleaders will hand out at the game. 900 pizza box flyers, 100 workplace harassment flyers, and 1,000 boss of my body and never a joke bookmarks have been ordered through the Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force. Brittany Rowe at Brantley E-911 was presented a Narcan kit for their office. Brantley County Exchange Club made a donation of school supplies totaling an in-kind value of \$1,200.

#### *\*FY24 Approved Budget from Brantley County Board of Commissioners*

Chairman Fairiby Frye informed partners that the Brantley County Board of Commission approved our budget request for FY24. A copy of the approved budget is attached for your review. Included in the approved budget is \$250 for Youth Leadership Brantley, \$15,450 towards per diem and \$52,500 Family Connection Budget. Just a reminder that the \$15,450 will be split between FY24 and FY25 due to County Commission being a calendar year, January - December and Family Connection being July – June.

#### *\*FY24 MOA with Southeast Health District, HRSA RCORP Implementation Grant #756*

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that the HRSA RCORP Grant was approved with the Southeast Health District allowing them to partner with Brantley, Pierce and Ware Counties to provide an additional \$2,000 for meeting supplies and food for the TRUST Meetings. Dawn Deen added that this MOA is different from the one on the agenda last month. With both MOA's the Southeast Health District has given a total of \$4,000 to BCFC to provide resources and speakers for the TRUST Meetings.

*\*Region 12 Georgia Family Connection Directory*

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that the Region 12 Family Connection Directory is attached for your records.

*\*OATH Update, 07/24/2023 – 08/15/2023 Navigator Report and Meal Train*

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that the August Navigator Report and Meal train information is attached for your records.

*\*Vitality Survey*

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that 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 a better representative picture. As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, Georgia Family Connection has only received 2 completed surveys for Brantley County. Please complete the survey at your earliest convenience.

*\*Ferst Readers Report and Updated Flyer*

Chairman Fairiby Frye stated that attached is the Ferst Readers Book Mailing Report for your record along with their updated informational flyer. There are 70 books mailed to youth in Brantley County in August.

*\*September 2023 Slide for Brantley County High School*

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that through a sponsorship with the Brantley County Audio Visual Club Dawn sends over a new slide every month that is placed on the tvs throughout the high school. Attached is the slideshow that was sent over for September.

*\*Care Bags for Youth, Donations Received*

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that BCFC received 16 Youth Care Bags from Adventure Bags, Ware County received 8. Gail at Ware County's Childrens Initiative donated theirs to us giving us around 24. Dawn has reached out to Andrew Altman to see if this is something that the fire departments would be interested in partnering with. The bags are marked by gender and age. Included in your meeting packet are two pictures of the contents of the bags. Dawn reported that after speaking with Andrew he suggested to contact Interim EMS Director Chuck Wilson. She stated that once she speaks to Chuck, she will update the collaborative.

*FY23 Self-Assessment*

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that the FY23 Self-Assessment was submitted to the state office. The report is 69 pages long so it was not printed. A copy will be emailed to all partners. Dawn Deen stated that a physical copy is available at the BCFC office if needed.

**Any Other New Business/Partner Updates**

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

*Megan Molix, Camden Connection*

The Stand Together Brantley Facebook Page is up and running. Next time you are on Facebook make sure to look it up and follow. Email event flyers to be placed on the page to Megan or Dawn.

Through the partnership with BCFC and Board of Education 12 medicine lock boxes are being provided for Dawn to hand out at Hoboken Safety Day.

If you are interested in a QPR Gatekeeper Training please reach out to Megan or Dawn.

Megan's email address is [megan@camdenconnection.org](mailto:megan@camdenconnection.org).

*Kylee Killian, Avita*

Covers 20 counties in Georgia assisting deaf clients with counseling and case management. Referrals can be sent to Kylee Killian at [kylee.killian@avitapartners.org](mailto:kylee.killian@avitapartners.org).

*Renee Martin, Okefenokee RESA*

Forming a new ministry to provide shower trailers in Brantley, Pierce and Ware counties.

*Fairiby Frye, CASA*

Training classes are starting back up in person for CASA volunteers. The next classes are scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Poop A Loosa tickets will be available soon for the event on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Melissa Fombellida, Perinatal Health Partners*

Provide in-home nursing case management program for medically diagnosed high-risk pregnant women. The major goal of the program is to maximize pregnancy outcomes for mothers and their newborns, and decrease the infant and maternal mortality rate in Bulloch, Candler, Evans, Toombs, Tattnall, Appling, Jeff Davis, Coffee, Bacon, Atkinson,

Clinch, Charlton, Brantley, Ware, Pierce and Wayne Counties including teens. All services are free and anyone can complete the referral form. The form will be emailed to all partners.

*Brantley County Board of Education, Michelle Lee*

Six people are currently being CPR trained to be able to offer CPR classes to the community. The CPR classes are free however the American Heart Association charges \$26 for the CPR card. Contact Michelle for more information or to sign up for classes.

*Brantley County Family Connection, Dawn Deen*

Jr. Police Academy has been scheduled for the week of June 10 – 14, 2023 at Brantley County Middle School.

Teen Maze Community Night will be November 16, 2023 at the Brantley County High School with 9<sup>th</sup> grade students going through the event November 17, 2023.

Chairman Fairiby Frye announced the next Collaborative meeting.

*The next Brantley County Family Connection Board of Directors and Collaborative meeting to be October 13, 2023 at 1pm both in person at the ARK Center and via Zoom.*

### **Adjournment**

Lisa Gillis made a motion to adjourn the September 8, 2023 Brantley County Family Connection Collaborative and Board of Directors meeting. Melissa Fombellida seconded the motion; all in favor with none opposed, the motion stands approved and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned.

\*Included in meeting packet.

**Meeting CHAT attached**

## September 8, 2023 BCFC Collaborative and Board of Directors Meeting CHAT

- 13:01:06 From Dawn Deen To Everyone:  
Good Afternoon Everyone!! Please sign in the chat for a record of attendance :)
- 13:02:44 From Renee Martin To Everyone:  
Renee Martin- [rmartin@okresa.org](mailto:rmartin@okresa.org)- Okefenokee RESA- Wraparound Coordinator
- 13:02:53 From Traci Carter To Everyone:  
Good Afternoon! Traci Carter Brantley DFCS [traci.carter@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:traci.carter@dhs.ga.gov)
- 13:04:12 From Guynell Grant To Everyone:  
Guynell Grant - Adult Education Program [ggrant@coastalpines.edu](mailto:ggrant@coastalpines.edu)
- 13:04:45 From Megan Alexandria- Camden Connection To Everyone:  
Megan Molix - [Megan@camdenconnection.org](mailto:Megan@camdenconnection.org)
- 13:06:27 From Christine Rogers To Everyone:  
Christine Rogers  
Peach State Health Plan  
[christine.rogers@centene.com](mailto:christine.rogers@centene.com)  
229-206-3551
- 13:15:47 From Megan Alexandria- Camden Connection To Everyone:  
Is there a social media flyer available for the camp hope?
- 13:17:11 From Megan Alexandria- Camden Connection To Everyone:  
Thank you!
- 13:32:32 From Kylee Killian To Everyone:  
[kylee.killian@avitapartners.org](mailto:kylee.killian@avitapartners.org) If you have any Deaf clients or know anyone that is Deaf please refer them to me and send me an email :)
- 13:33:24 From Kylee Killian To Everyone:  
Avita
- 13:33:39 From Kylee Killian To Everyone:  
thank you ! :)
- 13:33:45 From Shannon Murray To Everyone:  
Sorry guys for not answering, I am having difficulties with my microphone.
- 13:33:54 From Shannon Murray To Everyone:  
I have no updates at this time
- 13:34:52 From Shannon Murray To Everyone:  
It is jiggling a little : )
- 13:35:00 From Shannon Murray To Everyone:  
But I can hear everyone
- 13:36:22 From Megan Alexandria- Camden Connection To Everyone:  
<https://www.facebook.com/StandTogether?mibextid=ZbWKwL>  
  
Stand Together Brantley Fb 😊
- 13:41:17 From Shannon Murray To Everyone:  
Thank ya'll!
- 13:41:26 From Guynell Grant To Everyone:  
Thank you