**The Brantley County Family Connection Meeting Minutes**

The Brantley County Family Connection (BCFC) Collaborative conducted its monthly meeting on Friday, September 13, 2024, at 1 p.m. via Zoom and in person. Thirteen Members were present via Zoom, and one member was present in person at the ARK Center.

Executive Director Dawn Deen called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and reminded partners that everyone has a voice to make a motion, vote, or provide input on any item on the agenda.

Partners were asked to introduce themselves.

**Old Business**

*Approval of August 9, 2024 Collaborative Meeting Minutes*

Michelle Hinds moved that the August 9, 2024, Collaborative Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted. Renee Martin seconded the motion; all favored it, and none opposed it. The motion stands approved.

*Approval of the July 2020 and August 2024 BCFC Finance Report*

\*Dawn Deen stated that the July 2024 Finance Report was accidentally not sent to the Collaborative with the August Meeting Packet.

Melissa Fombellida moved that the July 2024 and August 2024 BCFC Finance Report be approved as submitted. Pam McGauley seconded the motion; all favored it, and none opposed it. The motion stands approved.

**New Business**

*Guest Speaker, Sarah Jumper, Certified Peer Support Specialist, OATH*

*S*he received her Peer Support Specialist Certification in May of 2024. She is three years in recovery. She has served on the OATH Board of Directors but has stepped down from the Board to work in the OATH office full-time as the Peer Support Specialist and Navigator Intern. She has been part of the TRUST Partnership for two years. TRUST and OATH overlap with clients. OATH offers Recovery Meetings twice weekly, Tuesdays at 1 pm and Thursdays at 3 pm. Through the RCORP Grant with the Southeast Health District, OATH has the opportunity to move into a bigger building with TRUST and Ware County Children's Initiative. The building will be a one-stop shop for those in recovery and homeless, allowing us to get on the client's levels and support them better.

*Guest Speaker, Megan Molix, Camden Connection*

Megan Molix stated that, through a partnership with Brantley County Family Connection, a QPR Training has been scheduled for September 25, 2024, via Zoom for Suicide Prevention Month to get tools out to the community. QPR is modeled after CPR, which stands for Questions, Pursue, and Refer. The training offers hope, how to talk to someone, warning signs, and walking them through getting help. The training is evidence-based and designed to help you help them.

*\*August 2024 Directors Reports*

Dawn Deen reported that the August 2024 Directors Report is attached to the meeting packet.

She reported the following:

* Michelle Maddox, Volunteer Engagement Manager with Ferst Readers, contacted me and the other members of the Brantley County Community Action Team on August 14th, asking us to set up a resource table at the Annual OREMC Meeting at Brantley County High School on September 14th from 8 – 10 am.
* On August 21st, I contacted Joey Cason, the County Manager, to get approval to place pinwheels and a banner at the Brantley County Courthouse for Recovery Month and to invite him and the County Commissioners to the TRUST Meeting on September 5th at the Southern Georgia Regional Commission Office.
* I attended the Let’s Talk Evaluation—Leveraging your Annual Plan to Document and Monitor Success, hosted by Kirk O’Brien and Virginia Dick, GaFCP, on August 27th from 10 to 11:30 am. There were 27 Family Connection Coordinators in attendance. We discussed how to track progress toward our outcomes, improve how to implement activities, programs, and services, determine the effectiveness of our activities, programs, and services, and engage our Collaborative, community, and potential funders.
* I attended the Let’s Talk GA Family Connection Training on August 28th and August 29th from 9 am to 4 pm. Adam Swymer with GaFCP facilitated the event. On day one, 27 Family Connection Coordinators were present; on day two, 17 were present. We spoke about why each segment of the work is necessary and how they fit together, the history, mission, and goals of GaFCP, types of technical assistance available, expectations and requirements of coordinators, where to access documents, tools, and resources, and insight on how plans are reviewed.
* On August 9th, Amanda McKearn, Coordinated Entry System Coordinator with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, reached out regarding our impact in combating homelessness. I referred her to the OATH Chairman, Ken Taft since I serve on their Board of Directors and am working on the homeless initiative through OATH. The Executive OATH Board will meet with Amanda on September 17th.
* On August 28th, multiple partners contacted me regarding a family in need here in Brantley County. Shortly after, the mother reached out to me via Facebook Messenger. I assembled a grocery list for BCFC to assist and emailed partners for donations. Hospice Satilla provided the family a $75 gift card, Brantley County Board of Education provided a $150 gift card to Satilla Grocery, and multiple partners donated toilet paper, laundry detergent, and groceries. The groceries were picked up on August 30th by Erin Thrift and delivered to the family.
* Jay Sweat, Counselor at Waynesville Primary School, contacted me and invited BCFC to set up a resource booth on August 28th at their Curriculum Night on September 17th from 6 – 7 p.m.
* The In-Kind total for August 2024 was $46,917.

*\*FY25 MOA with Ware County Board of Health – Opioid Overdose Prevention Program #652*

Dawn Deen reported that the FY25 fully executed MOA with the Ware County Board of Health is attached to the meeting packet. This MOA is for July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, for $2,000 to reimburse monies spent facilitating TRUST Meetings.

*Know Your Worth, Update*

Dawn Deen reported receiving an email from Coach Danielle Cohen, Brantley County High School Cheerleading Coach, on September 12, 2024, stating, “ I want to let you know that the girls had a wonderful time again this year. They wore the shirts proudly all day. Also, they were able to hand out a ton of sunglasses on Friday night (even to the away team and their fans). They were also able to spread the important message of knowing your worth to a lot of Heron fans and students as well. They did not let the rain stop them! We had a few sunglasses leftover. So, we will be spreading the message again during our Homecoming game.”

*\*State Peer-to-Peer Advisory Council Meeting Minutes*

Dawn Deen reported that the State Peer-to-Peer Meeting Minutes are attached to the meeting packet.

She reported the following:

* Georgia Family Connection Partnership (GaFCP) is going through a performance audit with the Georgia Department of Audits. A report is expected back in October. They want to continue visiting collaboratives. They have visited Butts, Fayette, and Pike Counties so far.
* Kids Count has a new Data Manager, Jacquan Jordan. His email address is [jacquan@gafcp.org](mailto:jacquan@gafcp.org) for partners that pull Kids Count data.

*\*OATH Navigators Report, 07/22/2024 – 08/19/2024*

Dawn Deen stated that the OATH Navigators Report is attached to the meeting packet.

She reported the following:

* 29 total appointments were made.
* Of those, 12 were homeless (on the street), nine were at risk of homelessness, and one recently became housed.
* Five housing applications were submitted.
* 59 toiletry packs, 35 pieces of clothing, seven pairs of shoes, nine blankets, six rain ponchos, and nine tents were given out.
* Darren Deal, a licensed counselor with Anchored, sees clients at the office weekly on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., free of charge, as part of the grant through the TRUST Partnership and Anchored.
* Volunteer Hours for OATH was 101 hours.

*\*BCFC Region 12 July and August Highlights*

Dawn Deen reported that the highlights submitted to Lisa Brewer for July and August are attached to the meeting packet. The highlights include the school supply donations and period packs that were made.

*\*BCFC Final 4th Quarter Report*

Dawn Deen stated that the fully executed 4th Quarter Report is attached to the meeting packet.

She reported that she did not print the Master Quarterly Report because it is 18 pages long, but it was sent with the meeting packet. This report shows everything that BCFC and the Collaborative completed for FY24.

*\*QPR Training, September 25, 2024*

Dawn Deen reported that the flyer for the QPR Training scheduled for September 25, 2024, is attached to the meeting packet. Megan Molix contacted her and Teri Hendrix at the Board of Education to ask if we were interested in partnering. She urged partners to share the flyer with friends, family, co-workers, and clients.

*\*BCFC State Website Analytics*

Dawn Deen reported that the analytics attached to the meeting packet were indeed for the actual State GaFCP Website, not for the BCFC Website. She has communicated with the GaFCP team for assistance in getting the BCFC analytics.

*\*Vitality Survey*

Dawn Deen urged partners who had not yet completed the Vitality Survey to do so. She reported that the deadline is approaching fast, and BCFC barely has the 12 required this year.

**Any Other New Business/Partner Updates**

Dawn Deen stated that partner flyers and newsletters are emailed each Friday. If you have a local event that you would like to share, submit your flyers and information to her at bcfcdawndeen@gmail.com.

*Maggie Santana, Satilla Advocacy Services*

Satilla Advocacy is hosting a SAFE Training on September 26, 2024, at the City Auditorium from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The training will be facilitated in English and Spanish.

*Pam McGauley, Magnolia House/Waycross Family Justice Center*

October is Domestic Violence Month. Magnolia House is hosting Law Enforcement Training at the Bus Barn on October 17th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Melissa Fombellida, Perinatal Health Partnership*

Southeast Health District is hosting a Community Baby Shower on September 26th from 9 am to 2 pm.

*Patrick Woodward, LIFE Inc.*

Independent Living Skills are being hosted at Garden Gate. Memory Cafes have been set up in Wayne County to offer social networking and dementia awareness. A volunteer meeting has been scheduled for October 3rd for the Wayne County Memory Café.

*Dawn Deen, BCFC*

The Self-Assessment was completed and submitted to GaFCP. The report is over 80 pages long. Due to delivery issues with the file being so large, it was not sent out via email with the meeting packet. All partners can stop by the office and review the report anytime.

*Renee Martin, Okefenokee RESA*

RESA is hosting a Resource Fair in February 2024. The link to sign up is in the chat.

*The next Brantley County Family Connection Collaborative Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 11, 2024, at 1 p.m. in-person at the ARK Center, 10305 Main Street North, Nahunta, Georgia 31553, along with via Zoom.*

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

Pam McGauley motioned to adjourn the September 13, 2024, Brantley County Family Connection Collaborative meeting. Patrick Woodward seconded the motion; all were in favor, and none opposed it. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

\*Included in the meeting packet.

**Friday, September 13, 2024**

**BCFC Collaborative Zoom Chat**

12:57:33 From Guynelll Grant to Everyone:

Good afternoon everyone. Guynell Grant, Adult Education

12:58:00 From Megan Molix- Camden Connection to Everyone:

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12:58:58 From PatrickWoodward to Everyone:

Patrick Woodward, IL Coordinator with LIFE and board member

13:00:17 From Michelle Lee Hinds to Everyone:

Michelle Hinds, Brantley Schools - Safety Coordinator, Nahunta VFD - Lt.

13:00:24 From Guynelll Grant CPTC Adult Education to Everyone:

Dawn, thank you for offering the hybrid method for the meetings.

13:01:27 From Jacqueline to Everyone:

Pam McGauley Waycross Family Justice Center 2201 Riverside Avenue, Waycross Ga 31501 912-490-8961 cell# 912-670-3278

13:01:41 From Chelsea Owens to Everyone:

Chelsea Owens, Community Outreach Coordinator, Child Care Resource and Referral of Southeast Georgia at Savannah Tech

13:01:43 From Michelle Lee Hinds to Everyone:

Reacted to "Dawn, thank you for ..." with 👏

13:01:45 From Renee Martin to Everyone:

Renee Martin- Okefenokee RESA- rmartin@okresa.org

Resource Fair Sign Up <https://forms.gle/s4EQnFKWt8kaNEg37>

13:01:58 From Emily Allen to Everyone:

Emily Allen Grant Project Coordinator, SEHD

13:02:19 From Sarah to Everyone:

Sarah Jumper OATH thebettersarah@gmail.com 9125067429

13:02:24 From Laura Smith to Everyone:

Laura Smith, Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging, [lmsmith@sgrc.us](mailto:lmsmith@sgrc.us)

13:02:34 From Traci Carter to Everyone:

Good afternoon! Traci Carter-County Director-Brantley DFCS

13:02:42 From Traci Carter to Everyone:

[traci.carter@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:traci.carter@dhs.ga.gov)

13:04:21 From Renee Martin to Everyone:

<https://forms.gle/s4EQnFKWt8kaNEg37>

13:05:35 From Renee Martin to Everyone:

I forgot Im a board member too. Lol

13:11:00 From Renee Martin to Dawn Deen(direct message):

Im heading to class please let me know if I miss anything that I need to do!

13:12:51 From Guynelll Grant CPTC Adult Education to Everyone:

Yes

13:18:02 From Megan Molix- Camden Connection to Everyone:

Megan@camdenconnection.org