

The Brantley County Family Connection Meeting Minutes

The Brantley County Family Connection (BCFC) Collaborative conducted their monthly meeting on Friday, October 13, 2023 at 1:00pm at the ARK Center. There were 18 members present, 10 in-person and 8 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 September 8, 2023 Collaborative and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Melissa Fombellida made a motion for the September 8, 2023 Collaborative and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes to be approved as submitted. Traci Carter seconded the motion; all in favor with none opposed, the motion stands approved.

Approval of the September 2023 BCFC Finance Report

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

New Business

Special Guest, Heather Flowers, Magnolia House

October is domestic violence awareness month. Magnolia House spread awareness by hosting lunch and learns, survivor groups and children's activities at the youth center. Magnolia House also hosts the purple bag challenge every October. Victims leaving domestic violence relationships often need help rebuilding their lives. They ask that you pick up a purple bag, fill it with items such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, ChapStick, deodorant, toothbrush, tooth paste, brush or comb, q tips, hygiene products and fun hobby items, and return it by October 31st.

Georgia is number four in the nation for murder suicide. One in five and nearly one in seven men have experienced severe intimate partner violence in their lifetime. 193 victims lost their lives in 2022. In 2022 Magnolia House served 375 victims, 187 in shelter and 188 through outreach services, received 583 crisis calls, served 16,844 meals and provided 23,674 services. 81 percent of all family violence related fatalities were caused by firearms.

**September 2023 Directors Report*

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

Dawn informed partners that 165 pairs of sunglasses were donated by Magnolia House through Resilient Georgia and handed out at the September 8, 2023 football game by cheerleaders. A booth was set up at Hoboken Safety Day on September 16, 2023 from 10am – 2pm. Approximately 15 brochures, 50 bookmarks, 20 sexual violence prevention flyers, 20 window decals and 50 988 stickers were handed out to the community. A total of \$36,511 worth of in kind and monetary donations were received in September.

**FY24 MOA with Southeast Health District*

Chairman Fairiby Frye informed partners that the attached MOA is a blanket MOA with Southeast Health District confirming our partnership throughout the fiscal year.

**OATH September Navigators Report*

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that the September OATH Navigators Report is attached for your records.

Dawn Deen reported that three referrals were made to Unison, 2 ids were obtained, 6 housing applications were submitted, 8 Goodwill Career Specialists referrals were made, 2 tents were given out, 3 got into housing, 1 got into a shelter, 2 food stamp applications were submitted, 2 birth certificated were obtained, and 11 shower vouchers were given.

Renee Martin reported that OATH is currently out of tents and are in need of more.

Dancing with the Southern Stars, Update

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that OATH will receive \$52,002.73 from the partnership with Magnolia House for Dancing with the Southern Stars. A check will be presented to the OATH Board on October 23rd at 6pm.

Vitality Survey

Chairman Fairiby Frye stated that Brantley County submitted a total of 27 vitality surveys as of 12:45pm on October 2nd.

**Teen Maze Community Night and Event*

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that Teen Maze Community Night is scheduled for November 16th at the high school starting at 6:30pm. Spots are being offered to partners to come set up a booth for the resource fair portion during Community Night.

Teen Maze for 9th grade students is November 17th.

A phone call was received from Sheriff Len Davis, a follow up call from Chuck Wildon, Interim Director for EMS and then an email from Joey Kason, County Manager regarding Teen Maze. The met and are going to fund Teen Maze for the next three years totaling \$6,000, \$2,000 per year through the opioid settlement funds the county received.

**October 2023 Slide for Brantley County High School*

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that through a sponsorship of the AV Club a new awareness slide is sent to Mr. Paul Winder every month that is placed on the TVs throughout the high school. Attached is the slideshow that was sent over for October.

Suicide Data

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that a request was received from Megan Molix with Camden Connection for data for the suicide coalition, Stand Together Brantley report. She was surprised when she received the data and wanted to share it with the collaborative. There were 48 total 911 calls coded suicide. Of those calls there were 13 attempts, 35 threats, 19 transports and 2 deaths from March to September.

JumpStart Read for the Record, Update

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that through a partnership with Head Start and Ferst Readers, JumpStart Read for the Record will be hosted at Brantley County Head Start on October 26th at 9am. The books were ordered back in June and arrived last Friday. The book will be read to the youth and then the youth will make hearts and a stary sky. Board members are encouraged to attend and participate.

November Meeting Date, Thursday, November 9, 2023

Chairman Fairiby Frye reported that last year the Board of Directors voted to have the November meetings moved to the second Thursday of the month due to Veteran's Day making this year's November meeting Thursday, November 9th.

Any Other New Business/Partner Updates

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

Renee Martin, Okefenokee RESA

Field trips are being provided by Garden Gate for those receiving services. Trip sponsors are needed.

Fairiby Frye, CASA

Poop A Loosa tickets are available for \$20 for the event on November 9th. To sponsor the event is \$250 and there is a \$1,000 grand prize.

Melissa Fombellida, Perinatal Health Partners

They are looking to expand their services and can do that by receiving referrals. All services are free and anyone can complete the referral form. Dawn Deen has the referral form and can email it to anyone that needs one.

Dawn Deen, Brantley County Family Connection

Reach Scholarship interviews are being held October 20, 2023 at 9am at the middle school and BCFC was asked to participate again this year.

Cassie Punchard, Teen Impact Center

Providing education classes for teens. Magnolia House is providing the location for the classes at their youth center.

Alyssa Deal, Unison Behavioral Health

Extending their club house after school program to Hoboken Elementary School.

Michelle Maddox, Ferst Readers

70 books were mailed to Brantley County Youth birth to three in September. Southeast Bank is looking to sponsor Brantley County Ferst Readers. A donation page has been created for the Brantley County Ferst Readers CAT so that anyone can make a donation at any time, not just during a fundraiser.

Lisa Gillis, Brantley County Board of Education

This is the Miracle Leagues second season on their new field. They play every Tuesday night at 5:30pm, 6:30pm and 7:30pm.

Traci Carter, Brantley County DFCS

Lobby is now open in Nahunta Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am – 4pm. Starting November 1, 2023 the lobby will be open Tuesday through Thursday from 9am – 3pm.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ First Quarter Report Due, October 16, 2023
- ❖ Peer to Peer Meeting, October 17, 2023, 12 – 4pm, Jesup
- ❖ OATH Meeting, October 18, 2023, 11:30am – 1pm, Pheonix Building Waycross
- ❖ SVP State Check in, October 19, 2023, 9am, Zoom
- ❖ SVP Task Force Meeting, October 19, 2023, 12pm, ARK Center
- ❖ JumpStart Read for the Record, October 26, 2023, 9am, HeadStart
- ❖ Trunk or Treat, BCHS, City of Hoboken and City of Nahunta October 31, 2023
- ❖ Teen Maze Community Night/Resource Fair, November 16, 2023, 6:30pm BCHS
- ❖ Teen Maze 9th Grade, November 17, 2023, 8am BCHS

Chairman Fairiby Frye announced the next Collaborative meeting.

The next Brantley County Family Connection Collaborative meeting to be November 9, 2023 at 1pm both in person at the ARK Center and via Zoom.

Adjournment

Traci Carter made a motion to adjourn the October 13, 2023 Brantley County Family Connection Collaborative meeting. Cassie Punched 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

October 13, 2023 BCFC Collaborative Meeting CHAT

12:56:44 From Dawn Deen To Everyone:

Good Afternoon Everyone!! Thank you for joining! Please sign in the chat for a record of attendance :)

12:57:53 From DorothyReed To Everyone:

Hello Pamela McGauley - Monitor for Action Pact

13:02:41 From Guynell's Grant - Adult Education To Everyone:

Good Afternoon! Guynell Grant Adult Education ggrant@coastalpines.edu

13:03:25 From MichelleMaddox - Ferst Readers To Everyone:

Happy FriYAY! Michelle Maddox, Ferst Readers, michelle@ferstreaders.org, 706-818-6016

13:11:06 From Waldron.Hamilton To Everyone:

Waldron Hamilton GADOE " Great Promise Partnership Waldron.hamilton@doe.k12.ga.us

13:22:56 From MichelleMaddox - Ferst Readers To Everyone:

If we ordered a Know Your Worth shirt but didn't get it, who do we ask about that? I sent a check in with the order form.

13:37:39 From Renee Martin- Okefenokee RESA To Everyone:

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