

The Brantley County Family Connection Meeting Minutes

The Brantley County Family Connection (BCFC) Collaborative and Board of Directors conducted its monthly meeting on Friday, May 9, 2025, at 1 pm, via Zoom. 12 members were in attendance.

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

Partners were asked to introduce themselves.

Old Business

**Approval of April 25, 2025 Collaborative and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes*

Pam McGauley moved that the April 25, 2025 Collaborative Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted. Patrick Woodward seconded the motion; all favored it, and none opposed it. The motion stands approved.

**Approval of the April 2025 BCFC Finance Report*

Pam McGauley moved that the April 2025 BCFC Finance Report be approved as submitted. Patrick Woodward seconded the motion; all favored it, and none opposed it. The motion stands approved.

New Business

** April 2025 Directors Reports*

Dawn Deen reported that the April 2025 Directors Report is attached to the meeting packet.

She reported the following:

- Attended the Brantley High FCCLA End of Year Banquet at the Brantley County High School Cafeteria. There were 25 in attendance.
- Added Latoya Hamilton with Southeast Health District – Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program Coordinator to the BCFC Partner Distribution List on April 1st.
- Added Investigators Will Kirton, Mark Stone, Mike Foreman, and Dewayne Whisenant to the BCFC Partner Distribution List on April 2nd.
- Added Jennifer Stockert with Unison Behavioral Health to the BCFC Partner Distribution List on April 3rd.
- Added Telisha Allen, Regional Reentry Manager for the Reentry Services Division of the Georgia Department of Community Supervision to the BCFC Partner Distribution List on April 10th.
- Submitted a grant application to the Okefenokee Rural Electric Membership Corporation Foundation for \$6,300 for our Brantley County First Readers Program on April 3rd.
- The total in-kind value for April 2025 was \$21,308.

**FY26 Dawn Deen Contract*

Due to not having Board of Directors quorum this item will be tabled and sent as an email vote to the Board of Directors.

**FY26 Board of Commissioners Budget Calendar*

Dawn Deen reported that the FY26 Board of Commissioners Budget Calendar is attached in the meeting packet.

FY26 BCFC Budget Request to County Commission

Dawn Deen reported that she received the FY26 BCFC Budget Request for County Commission. The form is due back to County Commission on May 23, 2025.

Slate of Officers

Dawn Deen reported that she is waiting on a couple of answers to serving on the Board of Directors. The final Slate of Officers will be emailed to the Board of Directors for approval and presented at the August 8, 2025 BCFC Collaborative and Board of Directors meeting.

BCFC Summer Hours

Dawn Deen reported that the BCFC summer hours are normally Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 1 pm. Due to the Kindness Closet hours being Fridays 9 am – 12 pm and having more people contacting the officer between 11 am and 1 pm she is changing the summer hours to Tuesday through Friday 9 am to 2 pm.

BCFC Going Digital

Dawn Deen reported that BCFC is going digital as best as they can. There will still have to be some items printed like financials and contracts but everything else will be digital and kept on an external hard drive and backed up. We have

records from the inception of BCFC to present and are running out of space to store all the records. Georgia Family Connection partnership has been contacted to get a list of required documents that have to be kept and what can be destroyed. We have storage on site at the office (the old Airport Authority Office), at the old recreation park next to the sheriff's office, and the office currently being used as the Kindness Closet.

Ferst Readers, OREMC Foundation Grant

Dawn Deen reported that the Brantley County Ferst Readers Community Action Team received \$5,300 from the OREMC Foundation Grant to continue serving youth birth to five years of age free books monthly.

**Coastal Pines Technical College, Adult Education*

Dawn Deen reported that Guynell Grant sends her apologies for being unable to attend the meeting. She asked me to share the Coastal Pines Technical College Adult Education Flyer and QR Code. They are both attached to the meeting packet.

Any Other New Business/Partner Updates

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

Jennifer Stockert, Unison Behavioral health

Unison Behavioral Health in Nahunta is having an open house on May 22, 2025 from 4 to 6 pm and welcomes agencies to set up a resource table.

Davion Baynard, Department of Family and Children Services

Department of Family and Children will be set up at Hoboken Baptist Church May 31, 2025 for their family event to spread awareness on the need of foster homes. Agencies are welcome to come set up resource tables.

Michelle McClellan, PruittHealth Parkwood Developmental Center

PruittHealth Parkwood Developmental Center is introducing a new program, Immediate Care Intellectual Disabilities Residential Care and is Medicaid eligible.

Misty Strickland, Hospice Satilla

Cowboy for Kids is May 30, 2025. The money raised will be used toward Camp Hope scheduled for October 4, 2025. Hospice Satilla has a new chaplain, Cliff Adams.

Pam McGauley, Magnolia House/Waycross Family Justice Center

The Share Health and TRUST Photo lens Event was so popular it has been extended to the end of the month. If you have not been she extended an invite to check it out.

The next Brantley County Family Connection Collaborative and Board of Directors Meeting will be Friday, August 8, 2025, at 1 pm via Zoom.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Michelle Hinds motioned to adjourn May 9, 2025 Brantley County Family Connection Collaborative and Board of Directors Meeting. Pam McGauley 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, May 9, 2025
BCFC Collaborative Zoom Chat

12:55:57 From Dawn Deen to Everyone:

Good Afternoon and welcome to the May 9th BCFC Collaborative Meeting. Please sign in with your name and agency information for record of attendance.

12:57:30 From heather to Everyone:

Heather Stephens, suicide prevention dept of veterans affairs

12:56:44 From Jacqueline to Everyone:

Pam McGauley WFJC/Magnolia House email:fjcintake@magnoliahouseshelter.com-cell912-670-3278-office-912-490-8961

13:00:35 From Michelle's Notetaker (Otter.ai) to Dawn Deen (direct message):

Hey Dawn Deen, want to skip having to click 'allow recording' for every meeting? Connect Zoom to your Otter account:

https://zoom.us/oauth/authorize?client_id=ULKDU8_8TLySSz8ZMyO9WQ&redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fotter.ai%2Fsetting%2Fconnected_apps%3Fsource%3Dzoom&response_type=code&state=dXRtX3NvdXJjZT16b29tX2hvc3RfdXNlcg==

13:02:02 From dmbaynard to Everyone:

Davion Baynard DFCS

13:02:11 From Jennifer Stockert to Everyone:

Jennifer Stockert - Intern Therapist with Unison BH Brantley

13:02:15 From PatrickWoodward to Everyone:

Patrick Woodward LIFE

13:02:25 From Renee Martin to Everyone:

Renee Martin -Okefenokee RESA

13:02:47 From misty to Everyone:

Misty Strickland, MSW director of social services with Hospice Satilla. 912-590-1231.

13:04:06 From Michelle McClellan -Pakwood to Everyone:

Michelle McClellan-Admissions Director at PruittHealth Parkwood Developmental Center. Intermediate care for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities 803-522-4418. Michelle.mcclellan@pruitthealth.com

13:28:12 From Tami Freeman, GA DCSS to Everyone:

So sorry!! I'm terribly late

13:30:55 From Jennifer Stockert to Everyone:

Thank you!