Fayette County FRN Community Meeting Thursday October 27, 2022

Working together for children and families

In Attendance: Ria Mitchell, Matthew Nelson, Noel Mitchell, Belinda Hopkins, Melissa Blake, Lennie Church, Michael Ann White, Alice James, Charles Taylor, Amy Dorsey, Christa Haney, Brandon Mehlinger, Sierra Richmond, Jessica Fleming, Josh Asbury, Monica Kern, Princess Young, Melanie Lambert, Mckayla Moore, and Diane Callison.

The meeting of the Fayette County Family Resource Network was held on: Thursday, October 27, 2022 at the Fayette County DHHR. The meeting was called to order at 12:03pm. Number present for the meeting was 20.

Welcome and Introductions

- **Previous Meeting Notes:** No changes were suggested for the September meeting notes.
- **Treasurer's Report -** There is a balance of $172,120.92

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **FRN Director's Report –** Diane Callison, fayettefrn@gmail.com
    - Our first program quarterly report is due on Saturday, if anyone has any events/programs to report on, please let me know. The months for this report are July, August and September
    - The FRN did submit a grant through TGKVF for a 2nd year with our basic needs program, if awarded we will have that funding starting January.
    - Myself and others on the Fayette County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board submitted a grant through BeActive WV to purchase roll away pickleball courts for the Memorial Building in Fayetteville
    - Upcoming meeting schedule
        - We are still looking for presenters for the upcoming 2022-2023 FRN Year, I have a current schedule if anyone is interested. We still have June open.
    - Teen Court
        - We had a Teen Court hearing on Monday, we heard 2 cases that involved vaping at the school system, we had 23 youth volunteers and 8 adult volunteers.
        - We are presenting to County Commission and the Board of Education in December for our Teen Court infographic with 2021-2022 data.
        - We are currently designing t-shirts and jackets for our youth and adult volunteers
        - To date, we've received 40 referrals, held 24 hearings, and 13 juveniles have successfully completed the program.
        - If you know a youth grade 7th through 12th that would like to volunteer, we are always accepting applications. the online application is here: https://forms.gle/ZGgZPeciUjMXBFwE8
    - The FRN spent all of the funds from the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation to provide basic needs items.
        - We received 54 referrals to date and we have fulfilled 45 referrals.
        - Some numbers to note:
            - We assisted 88 unduplicated individuals. There were 143 household members and 57 households had children.

        - 33% of individuals were in the age range of 30-39. 91% of individuals were Caucasian. 89% of individuals were low income. 38% of our referrals came from FMRS.
        - We purchase 1170 items of clothing, 57 furniture items, and 288 household items, totaling 1456. We received 71 donated items of clothing, 2 donated furniture items and 9 donated household items, totaling 82.
    - As always, I send weekly update emails every Monday for the information I receive the week prior. These updates include funding or grant opportunities as well. And if you ever want information included in these updates please let me know or if any events are coming up. Any time sensitive information will be sent through a normal email to the listserv which currently has 227 people.

- **Fayette Prevention Coalition - Carri Strunk**, carri.strunk@nrhawv.org
    - The Fayette Prevention Coalition is an opportunity for people to come together to create solutions to the drug problem. We are signing up new coalition members for our current program year that started October 1.
    - Committee choices are:
        - Adventure: Fayette County - focuses on engaging youth in extracurricular activities led by a responsible adult. Upcoming projects include: Project Adventure, Adventure Water Days, Adventure Camp and Activity Passport
        - Integrative Community Engagement Collaborative - Uses relevant local data to increase protective factors and reduce risk factors for youth. Upcoming projects include: Annual Survey to the Youth, Data dissemination, & Community initiatives
        - Youth Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention - like it says - focuses on reducing youth alcohol and tobacco use. Upcoming projects include: Toilet Talks, Sticker shock, Youth action team
        - Teen Court – an alternate sentencing program for 7th through 12th graders for misdemeanor charges. Upcoming projects include: Teen court hearings, volunteer events, recruit community service & scholarship program
        - Early Childhood Literacy - If we can get kids reading at grade level by 3rd grade, we can help them get through the rest of school. Kids learn to read from k-3 and read to learn from 3 to 12 and beyond. Upcoming projects include: Read Aloud, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Book Snuggle & Read, and Book Distributions
        - Health Promotion - promoting health choices across the community. Upcoming project include: Social norming campaigns on social media, billboard and traditional media
        - Intervention & Recovery - focuses on providing resources to people experiencing a substance use disorder and creating a community that is supportive to people in recovery. Upcoming projects include: Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon, Sober Activities, Walk for Hope & Save a Life Day
    - Please email Carri to let her know which committees you would to serve on or which events you would like to help with.
    - Upcoming events/meetings for the Fayette Prevention Coalition:
        - Early Childhood Literacy - Tuesday Nov 1st @ 3:30pm at the BOE (111 Fayette Ave, Fayetteville, WV 25840)
        - ICE Collaborative - Thursday Nov 3rd @ 10am https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3046631922
        - Adventure Fayette County - Thursday Nov 10th @ 9am https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86174213916
        - Fayette County Teen Court - Monday Nov 14th @ 9am at the Youth Reporting Center (549 Mall Rd, Oak Hill, WV 25901)
        - Youth Alcohol & Tobacco Prevention - Monday Nov 14th @ 11am https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88462358727

        - Intervention & Recovery - Monday, Nov 14th @ 12:30pm
    - **Next coalition meeting is Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at Noon at NRHA Whipple**

- **Drug-Free Communities** – Sue Wood, fayettepreventioncoalitionwv@gmail.com
    - What is the DFC?
        - Goals - Community Collaboration in Fayette Prevention Coalition and to Reduce substance use of Alcohol and Tobacco in middle and High school students
    - Youth Action Team Update – There was no meeting this past month. The group is designed a sticker shock campaign and is waiting for those stickers to arrive. We'll be hosting a paint party on November 15th as a fun activity

PRESENTATION:

- **Aetna Medicare's Community Outreach Program –** Princess Young
    - The slideshow presentation is attached with the minutes.
    - Aetna falls under the CVS Health organization and all employees focus on 5 HeartAtWork behaviors
        - Put people first
        - Raise to the challenge
        - Join forces
        - Create simplicity
        - Inspire trust
    - Aetna Medicare's Community Outreach Program
        - Identify local organizations and develop relationships through activities, events and educational presentations for your clients or Medicare eligible that you serve in your communities. It's about partnership and giving back to those we serve.
    - There are two paths involving Medicare
        - 1. Original Medicare – Part A. Hospital, Part B. Medical, Part D. a separate drug plan if you buy it
        - 2. Medicare Advantage – combines Part A, Part B and most include a prescription drug plan.
    - What is DSNP?
        - DSNP stands for Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan.
        - DSNPs are specialized Medicare Advantage plans created for those who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid.
        - You must have a state Medicaid plan and qualify for a Medicare Advantage plan to be able to get a DSNP
    - Benefits to DSNP include:
        - Dental: $5000 dental benefit per year for preventive and comprehensive coverage
        - OTC: $300 quarterly over-the-counter benefit
        - Transportation: 18 one-way trips, up to 100 miles, to plan-approved locations
        - ExtraBenefit Card: $300 quarterly allowance to use on choice of OTC items, healthy food, certain utilities, gas, or public transportation.
        - Vision: $500 eyewear allowance available for contacts, eyeglasses and upgrades
        - Hearing Care: $2,000 hearing aid benefit per ear, per year
        - RewardProgram: $150 or more in annual rewards by completing certain health activities
    - Every DSNP member has a 4-person Care Management team including a Registered Nurse, Social Worker, Care Coordinator and Member Advocate
    - Aetna works with the NCOA (National Council on Aging) to offer free access to BenefitsCheckUp®.
        - A free online screening tool that can help individuals find benefits they may be eligible for from over 2,500 federal, state and private programs.

        - Benefits include medication, health care, tax relief, housing and utilities, employment and education.
    - Annual enrollment begins January 1st to March 1st.

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OPEN DISCUSSION / ROUND TABLE:

Name and Organization Contact Information	**Updates**
Ria Mitchell – Just for Kids info@jfkwv.com	Just for Kids has a new campaign out called Spare Change, where purchases can be rounded up to the nearest dollar and be donated to Just for Kids. We are also participating in Giving Tuesday next month and are looking for local businesses or churches for monthly giving donations.
Chuck Taylor – Fayette/Nicholas Youth Reporting Center Charles.w.taylor@wv.gov	The YRC handles youth 12-18 who are involved in the court system. We just hired a full time therapist and we are looking for community service opportunities for the Teen Court participants.
Matthew Nelson – BUMFS msnelson@bumfs.org	On Nov 4th, BUMFS will host a thanksgiving dinner on site in Beckley and delivery options are available. $12 for adults, $6 for kids and children 6 and under are free (only for onsite). A flyer is attached with the minutes.
Lennie Church – MountainHeart Deborah.l.church@wv.gov	Essential workers program is ending October 31st so we are not taking any new essential workers applications. We accept application for those looking for childcare services and are always looking for childcare providers. Every Tuesday (except the 1st Tuesday of the month), Lennie will be at DHHR in Oak Hill, this starts on November 8th.
Brandon Mehlinger – Active Southern WV VISTA brandon@activeswv.com	Active Southern WV is hosting a fun run/walk on December 4th at the Fayette County Park. Time of the event is 4:30pm-6pm.
Josh Asbury – Fayette Adult Education jmasbury@k12.wv.us	Adult Education and SPOKES is holding an open house on Wednesday, November 2nd from 11-2. Our address is 912 Main Street East, Oak Hill.
Melanie Lambert – Braley & Thompson Melanie.lambert@stepstoneyouth.com	Braley & Thompson is a foster care agency, we are looking for community events to share information at and recruit new foster parents.
Princess Young – Aetna Medicare youngps@cvshealth.com	Aetna Medicare is looking for local food pantries or food distribution sites to partner with. We provide giveaways like thermal totes and gloves to senior populations.
Belinda Hopkins – AWAY bhopkins@wrcwv.org	October is Domestic Violence awareness month. Incite Hope awards happened on October 19th we honored 9 local community partners who

	work with AWAY of combating domestic violence. We also have a memorial for those who have lost their lives to domestic violence. We are also working on our Christmas wish list which provide packages from infant to elderly. Tina Nelson from the Raleigh office is organizing the event, her number is 304-255-4066. Counties being served are Fayette, Nicholas, Summers and Raleigh.
Taralyn Gwinn – PAT taralyn.mihow@gmail.com	I have a client that needs living room furniture and a microwave. She is moving into an apartment that was totally unfurnished. We have found or purchased everything else, but are still missing something for her to sit on in the living room and a microwave.

~ THE NEXT FAYETTE COUNTY FRN MEETING ~

Thursday, November 17, 2022 at Noon
Fayette County DHHR Office
Presentation by Just for Kids

Questions, comments, and concerns can be addressed to Diane Callison, Director for the Fayette County FRN at 304-574-4338 or fayettefrn@gmail.com

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Submitted – DMC 10/31/2022