

Fayette County FRN Community Meeting Thursday July 27, 2023



Working together for children and families

In Attendance: Amanda Moore, Chuck Taylor, Josh Asbury, Michael Ann White, Kimberly King, Melissa Blake, Kelly Morris, Clint Stenger, Ria Mitchell, Emma Rexroad, Monica Kern, Jigna Patel, Katherine Wood, Angela Mullens, Darlene Jarosz, Kristina Wandzel, Carri Strunk, Tammy Fleshman, Kiara Mickey, Diane Landy, Amanda Withrow, Taralyn Gwinn, Heather Green, Katie Johnson, Hilary Nicolau, JR Davis, Angela Chambers, Patty Giles, and Diane Callison.

The meeting of the Fayette County Family Resource Network was held on: Thursday, July 27, 2023 at the Fayette County DHHR. The meeting was called to order at 12:07pm. Number present for the meeting was 29.

Welcome and Introductions

- **Previous Meeting Notes:** Changes were made to the June meeting notes prior to today's meeting
- **Treasurer's Report** - There is a balance of \$206,077.88

REPORTS:

- **Fayette FRN Director's Report** – Diane Callison, fayettefrn@gmail.com
 - **Current positions on boards/committees**
 1. Coordinator of Teen Court
 2. President of Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
 3. Board member of Southeastern AHEC Advisory Board (Area Health Education Centers)
 - Advocates for quality primary and preventative health care delivery to rural and underserved populations. Through academic and community collaboration, we work to improve the distribution of health care professionals where they are needed the most.
 4. Board member of WV Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council (WVICC)
 - A governor appointed council mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to advise and assist the WV Department of Health and Human Resources with the development and implementation of the WV Birth to Three System.
 5. Secretary for Fayette County Read Aloud Chapter which is under the Early Childhood Literacy Committee of the Fayette Prevention Coalition
 6. Secretary and Treasurer for Fayette Prevention Coalition
 7. Secretary and Treasurer for 4-H Leaders Association
 - **Initiatives/meetings**
 1. During the week of July 10th, I attend the 4-H camp held at the Fayette County park, we had around 111 campers attend.
 2. On July 17th myself and two other volunteers installed a Little Free Library at Meadow Bridge Elementary where people can pick up free books and leave books for others to enjoy. Once the Meadow Bridge school is complete, we'll move the library to a permanent location in front of the new school
 3. On July 19th I attended the Healthy Villages kickoff event at the Smithers Gateway center, where a group called Dynamis Advisors Inc. will assist the Town of Smithers and the City of Montgomery to re-envision and repurpose buildings and areas. They will be looking for stakeholder interviews on what the community wants to see for the areas.

4. On July 22nd I attended the Roll and Read event put on by Parents as Teachers at the NRHA Oak Hill location where we had 13 Families comprising of 22 – Adults and 24 - Children
- **I submitted our 4th and final Quarterly Program report to the State FRN office**
 - 30% of activities promote Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Prevention and Intervention
 - 30% of activities promote Child and Family Safety Prevention and Intervention
 - 20% of activities promote Economic and Poverty Prevention and Intervention effort
 - Reported 39 events for April, May and June
 - 13 were categorized as Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Prevention (33%)
 - 14 were categorized as Child and Family Safety Prevention and Intervention (35%)
 - 12 were categorized as Economic and Poverty Prevention and Intervention (30%)
 - **Upcoming meeting schedule**
 - We are still looking for presenters for the upcoming 2023-2024 FRN Year, I have a current schedule if anyone is interested. As of now we still have February, May and June open. June is an alliance meeting where Raleigh County FRN meets with us as well
 - A reminder that our October FRN meeting will be a Lunch and Learn event partnered with TGKVF. Our meeting time will be 11:30-1:30 at the Lewis Center in Oak Hill, we are asking for people to register, the link to register is here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/657763346877>
 - **Teen Court**
 - We took 10 youth volunteers to an escape room on Tuesday for their volunteer appreciation event
 - I'll be attending open houses at Fayetteville PK-8, Oak Hill Middle School and Midland Trail High School to recruit youth volunteers for the upcoming year
 - We are hosting a mock trial on Monday, August 28th at 5pm at the Courthouse Annex building. This mock trial is open to the public, anyone can attend to see how a teen court hearing works. Youth volunteers do not have the complete the application to attend this mock trial.
 - In September we'll be back to meeting on the 4th Monday of every month
 - 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 received a grant from the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation to provide basic needs items. These items can include beds, dressers, clothing, and household items. The referral form needs to be completed by a direct service provider, not the individual needing the items. 4 members of the FRN Board review all the referrals. The grant is of \$25,000 and will end December 31, 2023 or when funds run out, <https://forms.gle/R6syBhyt8YKFcmvZ8>
 - We've received 58 referrals to date and we have fulfilled 45 referrals with 1 still pending review from the FRN Board
 - 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 229 people.

PRESENTATION:

- **Foster Grandparents Program – Amanda Moore**
 - Available to those 55 and older to mentor at risk children, inside the classroom, daycare, or another non-profit/child focused organization. Volunteers are consistent throughout the year
 - Our program has funding for 99 grandparents, women and men
 - We do have an MOU with the Fayette County Board of Education to put volunteers into the public schools
 - Volunteers work anywhere from 15-40 hours a week, they receive a stipend of \$4 an hour, which will not affect any income/benefits they receive
 - Volunteers for this program must be low or fixed income
 - Volunteers must pass a background check and go through training, which takes about 2 weeks
 - We are looking to stations (ie schools) and volunteers, if you know of anyone, please let us know and we'll work with them
 - To find out more, visit: <https://americorps.gov/serve/american-seniors/american-seniors-foster-grandparent-program>

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OPEN DISCUSSION / ROUND TABLE:

Name and Organization Contact Information	Updates
Josh Asbury – Adult Education jmasbury@k12.wv.us	We are getting ready to start our new program year and enrolling students if you know anyone who needs college prep or their high school diploma, let us know.
Melissa Blake – DHHR Melissa.r.blake@wv.gov	The school clothing allowance will end on July 31 st
Kelly Morris – Braxton DHHR and Adult Family Care Kelly.o.morris@wv.gov	We are looking for more people to accept adults into their home. All providers must: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Meet certain fire, safety, sanitation and health standards2. May not accept more than three residents3. Must provide adequate living space and nutritious meals for each adult placed in their home4. Must be willing to accept an adult without regard to race, creed or national origin We service all counties with this program
Ria Mitchell – Just for Kids info@jfkwwv.com	The PIP team is having a Fayette/Raleigh Family Day event on August 26 th . We are looking for organizations to partner and offering free activities to families. A flyer is attached with the notes
Emma Rexroad – UniCare Emma.rexroad@anthem.com	A reminder that those who receive Medicaid will be getting a redetermination letter in the mail, please respond to that correspondence! We are also looking to attend back to school events and provide supplies, please let us know if you are hosting one!

Jigna Patel – AETNA Pateljil@aetna.com	A reminder that we are hosting a 211 luncheon on August 28 th from 11am-1pm. A flyer is attached
Patty Giles – RSVP 304-663-4559	We are always accepting volunteers 55 and older
Katherine Wood – Children’s Home Society kwood@childshwv.org	We have two new hires that will start at the beginning of next month, we are looking for resources for teenagers to learn more about sexting and self-worth.
JR Davis – WVU Extension Jeffery.davis@mail.wvu.edu	We just finished our week long residential style 4H camp at the Fayette County Park, we hosted 111 campers and 47 staff. Myself and other adult volunteers took 6 Fayette County youth to the State 4H camp in Weston. Our summer reading and feeding program, Energy Express finishes this week at Valley PK-8
Hilary Nicolau – SPOKES Hilary.nicolau@wvsc.org	We work with individuals with DHHR referrals to gain employable skills and certifications. A success story, we have one participant going to college in the fall. We’ll soon be working with Adult Education on a service personnel program to assist with filling positions within the school system.
Kiara Mickey – The Health Plan kmickey@healthplan.org	We are looking to attend any back to school events and provide supplies, please reach out to us!
Kristina Wandzel – WV DRS Kristina.d.wandzel@wv.gov	I am the new employment specialist with DRS. We work with those 14 and up, who have a disability, become employed. We offer on the job training which will reimburse 100% of the employee’s wages to the employer, with an additional \$2 per hour for 480 hours. There is no obligation to hire after the 480 hours. There are no income limit guidelines. We also offer vehicle repairs in order to keep employment, and have funding for college.
Carri Strunk – Rainelle Medical Center and Fayette Prevention Coalition Cstrunk@rmchealth.org	The Fayette Prevention Coalition is a group of people and organizations that come together to find solutions to the issues created by the drug problem. We currently have 8 committees focusing on areas within the continuum of care. They are: Youth Action Team, Health Promotion, Youth Alcohol & Tobacco Prevention, Adventure Fayette County, ICE Collaborative, Teen Court, Early Childhood Literacy, Intervention & Recovery. If you are interested in joining a committee, please let me know. Save a Life Day is coming up on Thursday, September 14 th from 10am-6pm in various locations around Fayette County. The link to sign up is here: https://forms.gle/mUB46c9XaQwwjN6S8 Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 22 nd at Noon at the NRHA Annex at 61 Sutphin Lane, Scarbro WV. Lunch is provided.
Tammy Fleshman – WV Birth to 3 tfleshman@mthtwv.org	We’ll be setting up at 2 back to school events 1. August 1 st from 1-5pm at the Graney memorial park in Mt. Hope 2. August 4 th from 10-2 at the Montgomery Health Fair
Diane Landy – WIC Diane.m.landy@wv.gov	WIC offers monthly free nutritious food packages to pregnant women and those with children age 5 and under. We also offer nutrition education and breast-feeding education

	Our Famer's Market Nutrition Program has issued vouchers and are operating under a QR code system this year. The voucher is from June 1 st to October 31 st . In Fayette County there are 2 locations accepting vouchers, the Pavilion on Thursdays from 2-6, the Courthouse parking lot on Saturday from 8-12:30. We just had our 2 nd issuance of vouchers to 7,000 WIC participants and we may do a 3 rd issuance.
Amanda Withrow – Parents as Teachers Amanda.mihow@gmail.com	Thank you to those who helped and/or attended our Roll and Read event, we are looking to host another Roll and Read in the Crossroads mall this spring, around Easter. We are looking for more home visitors in Raleigh County and we have a new site director.
Taralyn Gwinn – Parents as Teachers Taralyn.mihow@gmail.com	We are looking to partner with organizations hosting community events, if you have an upcoming event please let us know!
Angela Chambers – FMRS Achambers@fmrs.org	We are looking to be more involved in community events, please let us know if you have an upcoming event
Cindy Whitlock – NRHA and BOE cindy.whitlock@nrhawv.org	On August 22 nd from 8am-5pm at the New River Convention Center, people can come and get breathing tests, walking tests and filing claims. This is targeted to those in the mining industry. The event is free to attend and those wanting to set up and provide information can set up for free. After the event at 5pm, there will be a town hall for testimonials for miners and the black lung association

~ THE NEXT FAYETTE COUNTY FRN MEETING ~
Thursday, August 24, 2023 at Noon
Oak Hill DHHR
Presentation from WIC

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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