

Fayette County FRN Community Meeting Thursday November 16, 2023



Working together for children and families

In Attendance: Cassidy Taylor, Hilary Nicolau, Josh Ashbury, Taralyn Gwinn, Charles Taylor, India Tarleton Krawczyk, Miranda Maddox, Angela Mullens, Steven Hargett, Emma Rexroad, Shelby Holt, Alice James, Leana Paxson, Heather Green, Natasha Jones, Katie Johnson, Sue Wood, Marion Tanner, Amanda Withrow, Lennie Church, Kristina Wandzel, Melissa Blake and Diane Callison.

The meeting of the Fayette County Family Resource Network was held on: Thursday, November 16, 2023 at the Fayette County DHHR. The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm. Number present for the meeting was 23.

Welcome and Introductions

- **Treasurer's Report** - There is a balance of \$154,400.15

REPORTS:

- **Fayette FRN Director's Report** – Diane Callison, fayettefrn@gmail.com
 - The FRN officially hired 4 new employees;
 1. Amanda Withrow will serve as the Project Coordinator for the Drug Free Communities grant alongside Sue Wood. This grant has two goals; to increase community collaboration of the Fayette Prevention Coalition and to reduce youth substance use of Alcohol and Tobacco among middle and high school students.
 2. Leana Paxson will serve as a Mental Health Educator under the Partnership for Success grant, working towards bringing the evidence-based curriculum Too Good for Drugs into the Midland Trail area schools
 3. Shelby Holt will serve as the Youth Programs Coordinator under the Partnership for Success grant, working towards initiatives of the Adventure Fayette County committee, maintaining a summer program and a youth coalition.
 4. Miranda Maddox will serve as a Mental Health Educator under the Partnership for Success grant, working towards bringing the evidence-based curriculum Too Good for Drugs into the Meadow Bridge area schools
 - We have officially moved office spaces, our new physical address, mailing address and phone number are reflected on the FRN website.
 - CQI Survey
 1. As part of State FRN requirements, I have provided a link below for a survey that needs to be completed based on the activities of the entire Network. The Network includes all of the organizations and agencies within the Fayette County Family Resource Network (FRN). This survey is important to the work of the FRN. It will help to assess the work being done in Fayette County and where there are gaps in services.
 2. I encourage you to answer truthfully as I will be provided feedback from the State FRN. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey, I would like to receive response from the majority of the Network.
 3. <https://www.wvdhhr.org/selectsurveyv5//TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=86K28ol>
 - Upcoming meeting schedule
 1. We are still looking for presenters for the upcoming 2022-2023 FRN Year, I have a current schedule if anyone is interested. As of now we still have May open.
 - Teen Court

1. We hosted a hearing on November 13th where we heard 2 cases involving students vaping the school, we had 31 youth volunteers attend. We also hosted a mock trial where we put “Big Tobacco” on trial for marketing and advertising to youth.
 2. 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>
- 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 249 people.

PRESENTATION:

- **SPOKES – Hilary Nicolau Adult Education – Josh Asbury**
 - A slideshow is attached with the notes
Adult Education
 - Adult Education provides individuals with the opportunity to obtain their GED. Most individuals come to the program with no confidence and experiencing trauma, whether from abuse, poverty or incarceration.
 - Eligible individuals are those who are 16 and older and do not have their high school diploma. We can offer academic trainings, soft skill trainings and certifications. Anyone can refer individuals to Adult Education.
 - While offering skills and education, we are also there for counseling, encouragement and building people up.
 - We have online classes available which are self-paced.
 - We offer two bootcamps for the LPN and Electrical programs at FIT, which give students an inside look as to what the course will offer and how to prepare them for the courses.
 - Adult Education has two sites
 - Oak Hill – 8am to 2:30pm Monday-Friday. Tuesday and Thursday from 4-7pm at evening classes
 - Bridge Valley – 8am-4pm Monday-Thursday in Davis Hall

SPOKES

- Participants are referred to SPOKES through DHHR where we offer job/career readiness. Individuals also must meet weekly and monthly hours set through DHHR. Most participants already have their high school diploma.
- We offer training/certificates in customer service field, tourism field, service personnel program, Microsoft Office certificates.
- We partner with New River Community and Technical College, when students earn certifications those can count as college credits for when the individual attends NRCTC.
- While working on career skills, we also help with health relationship building, critical thinking and goal setting, parentings classes, good work ethic and interpersonal skills.
- We also assist with finding jobs and preparing portfolios.
- We are open 8am-3pm Monday-Friday

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OPEN DISCUSSION / ROUND TABLE:

Name and Organization Contact Information	Updates
Cassidy Taylor – Jobs & Hope Cassidy.taylor@wvesc.org	Jobs & Hope is a program assisting those who have a barrier to employment. Visit their website here for more information: https://jobsandhope.wv.gov/
Taralyn Gwinn – Parents as Teachers Taralyn.mihow@gmail.com	PAT is hosting an event, Reindeer Games on Saturday December 16 th from 3-4pm at NRHA Annex in Scarbro. A flyer is attached with the notes. We are hiring a Parent Educator for Raleigh County
India Tarleton Krawczyk – Active Southern WV india@activeswv.com	We are hosting our annual ugly sweater fun run on December 3 rd at 4:45pm at the Fayette County Park. \$10 for adults, children 10 and under are free. A flyer is attached with the notes. If anyone would like to learn more about the Ugly Sweater Fun Run, the Facebook event is here: https://fb.me/e/5Pc2cyHLe Attached with the notes is our monthly program flyer. If anyone would like more information on our free programs, they can visit our website calendar here: https://activeswv.org/calendar/
Angie Mullens – Beckley CTC (Comprehensive Treatment Centers) Angela.mullens@ctcprograms.com	Beckley CTC offers Medicated Assisted Treatment options, including Methadone, Suboxone and Sublocade. We also offer a Peer Support Program.
Steven Hargett – Beckley CTC (Comprehensive Treatment Centers) Steven.hargett@ctcprograms.com	The Peer Support Program offers support and refers individuals to other agencies like DRS and Jobs & Hope. We're working on outreach, providing Narcan, a clothing closet and food for participants.
Heather Green – Community Connections Heather.green@strongcommunities.org	State PFS Coordinator covering Fayette, McDowell, Mercer, Raleigh, and Wyoming Counties, we are focused on reducing Marijuana, Alcohol and IV drugs for ages 9-20 years old. If anyone is needing resources, evidence based programming, swag or events to set up a table, please reach out!
Natasha Jones – NRHA Natasha.green@nrhawv.org	We have 3 positions open at NRHA; Adolescent Health Coordinator, Health Educator, Staff Nurse LPN. These jobs are posted on Indeed and Facebook. We have a new program starting in January for Colorectal cancer screening for ages 45-75. We'll send a home kit first and if anything comes back abnormal, patients will receive a free colonoscopy in Summersville and we can offer transportation for these services.
Katie Johnson – ICE Collaborative Katie.johnson@fayettehealth.org	We are in our 5 th year of collecting student data from 7 th -12 th grade, the surveys will be finished this week. Harm Reduction at the Health Department is hosting a Christmas party for its participants on December 6 th from 11-3. We are looking for someone to provide haircuts, food and/or donations. We also need transportation options for participants, please reach out to Katie if you can help!

Sue Wood – Drug Free Communities fayettefpc@gmail.com	<p>What is the Drug Free Communities? - Goals - Community Collaboration in the Fayette Prevention Coalition and to reduce substance use of Alcohol and Tobacco in middle and High school students</p> <p>We did our mural unveiling yesterday with the Youth Action Team. A group of youth initiated, designed and painted a mural showing healthy fun on the side of Pinheads in Oak Hill. A link to the WOAY article and video is here: https://woay.com/a-new-mural-created-by-youth-in-our-area-has-just-been-unveiled-in-fayette-county/</p>
Marion Tanner – Read Aloud mgtanner@suddenlink.net	<p>Snuggle and Read just finished our year, we provided 332 fleece blankets and books to all preschoolers in the Fayette County collaborative schools. We invite parents to the event at their child's school and encourage the importance of reading to their children.</p>
Melissa Blake – DHHR Melissa.r.blake@wv.gov	<p>LIEAP will be starting soon, the funding was announced but we do not have a date set yet, this program assists with the main heating source of homes and is seasonal assistance.</p> <p>The Fayette County DHHR is hiring for a financial clerk. The Summers County DHHR is hiring for an Office Assistant.</p>
Kristina Wandzel – WV DRS Kristina.d.wandzel@wv.gov	<p>DRS sent 16 people to work last month through their on the job training program!</p>

~ THE NEXT FAYETTE COUNTY FRN MEETING ~
Thursday, December 14, 2023 at Noon
Holiday Pot Luck and Success Stories
Quarterly Alliance meeting with Raleigh County FRN

Questions, comments, and concerns can be addressed to Diane Callison, Director for the Fayette County FRN at 304-575-1428 or fayettefrn@gmail.com

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