

Fayette County FRN Board Meeting Thursday January 22 2026



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The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fayette County Family Resource Network was held on:
Thursday, January 22, 2026 at the Fayette FRN office.

In Attendance: Natasha Jones, JR Davis, Chuck Taylor, Cindy Whilock, Katie Johnson, Melissa Blake, and Diane Callison.

Welcome, Call Meeting to Order: Natasha – 1:30pm

Approval of October Meeting Minutes – Cindy moves to approve the October meeting minutes, Chuck seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

- Diane provided a Statement of Activity from October 23rd to January 21st. Our current balance is \$424,308.28. The second report was Statement of Activity by Class from July 2025 to January 2026. JR moves to approved the treasurer reports, Katie seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Previous Business:

Current Business:

- 2nd Quarterly Program report – review at leisure
 - Diane provided a printed copy of the 2nd quarterly report submitted to the State FRN office for the months of October, November and December. If any Board members have suggestions or changes for the next quarter, please just let Diane know.
- Basic Need Program - Year 5
 - Current reviewers for this program are Natasha, JR, Chuck, Angela and Marion. Diane spoke to Angela prior to the meeting and she agreed to stay on as a reviewer. Natasha, JR and Chuck also agreed to stay on. Diane will reach out to Marion separately.
 - The Board discussed in length the new aspect of our basic need program, utility assistance. Melissa was able to give insight from LIEAP and their Emergency Assistance programs. The Board had decided previously that the 4 utilities we will assist with are water, sewer, gas and electric
 - In order to assist as many people as we can, JR moves to have an internal cap among reviewers of up to \$600 per household, Cindy seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
 - JR moves for the following;
 - Utility Assistance is a one-time assistance during the grant year (which is ran by the calendar year)
 - To qualify individuals/households need to have a termination notice or shut off notice, those individuals are in the most crisis situation. Direct service providers need to submit this notice with the basic need referral and it needs to have the following information; the individuals name, address and account number

- If the balance due on the termination notice is more than what this program can pledge, the utility provider must agree to keep the service on for 30 days once they receive our pledge, if they cannot agree to keep the service on, our program will not pay any funds towards the bill (to hopefully eliminate wasting or “throwing money” away).
- Chuck seconds these parameters. All in favor, motion passes.
- Discussion – County Commission and Scarbro Clinic
 - The Board discussed a few months ago that the County Commission purchased the old NRHA Scarbro Clinic. Since that last discussion, Diane met with the Commission and other stakeholders at the clinic to discuss what the space could be used for. The Commission is wanting to create a resource hub.
 - The Day Report Center will be moving to this new space, past that the Commission is looking at other organizations that could benefit from the space. After last week and the sudden grant termination (that was reversed) Diane suggested that the Board be open to discussing what this Scarbro space might look like.
 - When the Partnership for Success grant ends in September 2028, the FRN will not be able to offer the current office space they are in, giving the FRN a little over two years to find a more sustainable space.
 - Katie requested that the FRN Board tour the space and see what plans the Commission has for the space before signing anything official.
 - The Board also discussed that the Commission plans to renovate the space based on who will be there however there is no timeline for that yet.
 - Cindy moves to be part of the conversation with the County Commission to investigate the feasibility of the FRN being part of the Scarbro clinic, JR seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Other Business:

- Upcoming Board Member Expirations
 - The following board members have terms expiring in June; Katie, Chuck, JR, Cindy, Marion, Melissa and Jigna
 - All members are eligible for another two-year term if desired. If a member does not wish to continue past June, the FRN is asking that they help find a replacement for their position on the Board.
 - We’ll discuss this more during the April Board meeting

Katie moves to adjourn the meeting

The next Fayette County FRN Board Meeting will be held on April 16, 2026
After the FRN Community meeting (around 1:30pm)

Upcoming Board meetings
June 25, 2026

Submitted – DMC, 1/23/2026