

Fayette County FRN Board Meeting Thursday October 22, 2026



Working together for children and families

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

In Attendance: Katie Johnson, Natasha Jones, Melissa Blake, Angela Chambers, JR Davis, Shannon Mitchell, Cindy Whitlock, Jigna Patel and Diane Callison.

Welcome, Call Meeting to Order: Natasha – 1:19pm

Approval of July Meeting Minutes – Katie moves to approve the April meeting minutes, JR seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

- Diane provided a Statement of Activity from July 23, 2026 to October 22, 2026. Our current balance is \$374,955.76. The second report was Statement of Activity by Class from July 2026 to October 2026. Both reports are attached with the minutes. Katie moves to approve the treasurer reports, Angela seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Previous Business:

- FRN General Fund Budget – review and approve
 - Diane provided a spreadsheet with the changes that were discussed during the July Board meeting. The version provided included the anticipated expenses with the FRN moving to the Scarbro site. JR moves to approve the FRN General Fund Budget for the 26/27 fiscal year, Katie seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Current Business:

- 1st Quarterly Program report – review at leisure
 - Diane provided a printed copy of the 1st quarterly report submitted to the State FRN office for the months of July, August and September. If any Board members have suggestions or changes for the next quarter, please just let Diane know.
- Grant Updates – Basic Need, State FRN, PFS, CARA, PRN
 - Diane provided the following;
 - Basic Need – 2026 year has concluded. We funded 87 referrals, reaching 194 unique individuals. On the referral form, we asked how many are within the household, there was 241 this year. We also ask of any children within in the house, there was 110 this year, with 3 families being prenatal. We purchased 330 clothing items, 90 furniture items, 284 household items, and made 22 utility payments. For a total of 726 purchased items. Katie commented that it was her first year reviewing the basic need referrals and that it opened her eyes to the needs of the community, especially with utility assistance. JR commented that while some of his days started sad with reviewing referrals, he commended the FRN for doing the work that needs done. Diane has submitted the grant application for 2027, asking for \$36,000.

- State FRN – Diane received the grant contract and it has been signed by herself and the DoHS. Diane reported we have received our first payment but that first payment did not cover the expenses for the first 3 months of the grant. The grant contract was dated back to July 1st so Diane ensured the FRN work was being done during July, August and September, even without a grant contract.
 - PFS – As the Board knows, the PFS Grant Director, Cassady, left her position at the end of August. Diane, Carri, Katie and Sue met as Fayette Prevention Coalition leadership to discuss the PFS Grant Director role. After discussing potential options, the group determined the Sue would fill that Grant Director role while remaining on a part time basis. That change has been accepted at the programmatic level but not the budget level at SAMHSA. Diane will be submitting the quarterly reports for the PFS grant with the assistance from Sue to gather the information needed from Joey, Levi and Shelby.
 - CARA – The Fayette Prevention Coalition received the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) grant on October 1, 2026. This is a five year grant, awarding the Coalition \$75,000 every year. The FRN will receive the 10% administrative fee. That grant has a part time person as the Grant Coordinator. Coalition leadership will advertise for the position soon. CARA focused on prescription misuse and opioids among middle and high school students. For Fayette County, efforts will be focused on Valley and Midland Trail High School.
 - PRN – The Parent Resource Navigator grant was through the State Public Defender office. After Diane discussed some questions with the program, they informed that the PRN cannot support Family Treatment Court families which is what Diane and Judge Fox wrote the grant for. Diane determined to not submit the grant with this cycle, there was not enough time to reevaluate grant objectives while trying to move offices. If the cycle opens back up, Diane will bring it back to the Board for a discussion.
- New Office Update
 - The staff have been working hard to move into the new Scarbro space. The movers moved all the furniture last week and charged the 4 hour minimum, totaling \$800. All offices have been painted and set up, a part from Diane's. Shelby and her Youth Action Team members will work on painting the hallways. Diane discussed having an open house in the spring after they can pressure wash the building, work on the handicap railing and plant new flowers.
 - The County Commission accepted a bid to fix the HVAC system so right now the air and heat do not work but Carri brought some small heaters in the meantime. The Day Report Center was able to fix the vent in the small bathroom but after the rain last week, the roof has cracked the drywall and plaster and water are now in the bathroom floor again.
 - Diane is meeting Joe at the old office next Friday at Noon to do a final walk through and hand over keys.
 - Board Elections
 - Natasha opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Katie nominates Natasha as Chair, JR seconds. Natasha accepts the nomination. No other nomination follows. Natasha closes the nominations for Chair.
 - Natasha opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Natasha nominates Angela as Vice Chair, JR seconds. Angela accepts the nomination. No other nomination follows. Natasha closes the nominations for Vice Chair.
 - Natasha opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. JR nominates himself, Angela seconds. JR accepts the nomination. No other nomination follows. Natasha closes the nominations for Secretary.

- Natasha opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Natasha nominates Katie as Treasurer, JR seconds. Katie accepts the nomination. No other nomination follows. Natasha closes the nominations for Treasurer.
- The 2027 Officers are as follows;
 - Natasha – Chair
 - Angela – Vice Chair
 - JR – Secretary
 - Katie – Treasurer

Other Business:

- JR offered for our new Board member Shannon to introduce herself. Shannon works for Mountain Heart and serves Fayette County and is happy to be the newest member of the Board.
- Diane noted that at the January meeting, the Board will need to review some policy changes, specifically the emergency procedures policy with the office move.

JR moves to adjourn the meeting

The next Fayette County FRN Board Meeting will be held on January 28, 2027
After the FRN Community meeting (around 1:30pm)

Upcoming Board meetings

April 29, 2027

June 24, 2027