Johnston CFAC MEETING - REGULAR MEETING
Hybrid/Virtual Via Microsoft Teams
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie Dodson, Jerry Dodson, Jason Phipps, Debra McQueary, Marilyn Lundin, Richard Callahan, Leanne George, Albert Dixon, Bobby Dixon
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
GUESTS: Wes Rider (State CFAC), Pablo Puente (Service Source)
STAFF PRESENT: Aimee Izawa, Ramona Branch, Victoria Mosey, Warren Gibbs

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS-Marie introduced Guest Speaker Pablo Puente and Welcomed Victoria Mosely from Durham CFAC subcommittee
2. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES –Minutes were approved and seconded by committee and Chair as well as Vice Chair

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<td>1. Public Comment Individual/Family</td>
<td>• Pablo Puente from Service Source did a presentation on the Benefits of Counseling Programs</td>
<td>MIOS and CFAC will partner with Service Source on getting</td>
<td>3-6 Months</td>
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<td>- Explained Service Source as a national non-profit in 13 states including NC that serve people with disabilities (IDD and SMI)</td>
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<td>- NC HQ in Fayetteville, they promote financial independence, job placement and evaluation, community inclusion day program, and housing services to name a few</td>
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<td>- Targets clients returning to work who are receiving benefits for verification and counseling services</td>
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<td>- Offers training and seminars, referrals, even follow up services meeting with both clients and stakeholders</td>
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<td>- Benefits for clients-better understanding, reduces uncertainty, lowers clients’ anxiety about changes in benefits, avoids misinformation, and assistance with resolving benefits issues</td>
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<td>- Can be accessed through WIPA, IPS, VR, and other agencies</td>
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### DISCUSSION:

- Wes Rider shared Leadership Updates such as Kelly Crosbie being the New Director of NC Division of Mental Health and Renee Rader Assistant Director
- Also commented IDD Team Lead and Chief will have new hires with names available soon
- Reminded members of the email listserv which arrives beginning of every month and weekly hot topics
- Shared Tailored Plan Auto Enrollment will remain as it has for beneficiaries with Behavioral Health, IDD, and TBI signing up as they do now; will change once Tailored Plan goes live
- Shared DHHS released statement on Samantha R Ruling
- Commented Monthly State Call will be 2/27 from 2pm-3pm presenting an opportunity for individuals to meet with subject matter experts, ask questions and make comments
- Also reminded committee any previous webinars or trainings can be found on the Community Engagement and Training website
- CFAC will continue to attend trainings and webinars as well as collaborate with State CFAC on community events
- 2-3 months

### NEXT STEPS:

- Information to local agencies such as Employment Support and Vocational Rehabilitation

### TIME FRAME:

- 6-12 months

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