



Tuesday, February 21, 2023

**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

AGENDA ITEMS:	DISCUSSION:	NEXT STEPS:	TIME FRAME:
1. Public Comment Individual/Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pablo Puente from Service Source did a presentation on the Benefits of Counseling Programs</li></ul>	MIOS and CFAC will partner with Service Source on getting	3-6 Months

Draft minutes may be submitted with the monthly Board packet. Minutes will be approved by this Committee later.

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Challenges and Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explained Service Source as a national non-profit in 13 states including NC that serve people with disabilities (IDD and SMI)</li> <li>NC HQ in Fayetteville, they promote financial independence, job placement and evaluation, community inclusion day program, and housing services to name a few</li> <li>Targets clients returning to work who are receiving benefits for verification and counseling services</li> <li>Offers training and seminars, referrals, even follow up services meeting with both clients and stakeholders</li> <li>Benefits for clients-better understanding, reduces uncertainty, lowers clients' anxiety about changes in benefits, avoids misinformation, and assistance with resolving benefits issues</li> <li>Can be accessed through WIPA, IPS, VR, and other agencies</li> </ul>	information to local agencies such as Employment Support and Vocational Rehabilitation	
2. State Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wes Rider shared Leadership Updates such as Kelly Crosbie being the New Director of NC Division of Mental Health and Renee Rader Assistant Director</li> <li>Also commented IDD Team Lead and Chief will have new hires with names available soon</li> <li>Reminded members of the email listserv which arrives beginning of every month and weekly hot topics</li> <li>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</li> <li>Shared DHHS released statement on Samantha R Ruling</li> <li>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</li> <li>Also reminded committee any previous webinars or trainings can be found on the Community Engagement and Training website</li> </ul>	CFAC will continue to attend trainings and webinars as well as collaborate with State CFAC on community events	6-12 months
3. Tailored Plan Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aimee shared updates on Member Choice Period with Non-Emergency Medical Transportation to go live on 2/22</li> </ul>	CFAC will elect members to assist with Med Assist as volunteers	3-4 months



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shared the Med Assist Date for Johnston County will be 6/23 and individuals do not have to be Alliance members to receive OTC medications</li></ul>		
5. LME/MCO Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ramona shared MCO Updates discussing CFAC Funds Request Form...showing the outline and how to fill out...asks requests be sent out at least 4 weeks in advance and get with MIOS if you need assistance with filling out form</li><li>Ramona also discussed Legislative Day on 3/7/2023 and asked for CFAC chairs to put together questions that may like to share or advocate for and share with legislators on this day</li><li>Requesting major needs, concerns, or gaps to share during Legislative Day Event such as transportation which can be sent to State CFAC Chair April DeSelms by email</li></ul>	CFAC will communicate with one another and discuss concerns to address for Legislative Day	2 weeks
6. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chair Marie Dodson shared feedback from Legislative Breakfast</li><li>Albert Dixon shared what he learned while in attendance such as the State efforts in improving Peer Support Services</li><li>Deborah McQueary was welcomed on as new member of committee</li><li>Senator Richard Godwin dropped by to say hello to return and sit in a future meeting listening to members' concerns in relation to Medicaid Expansion</li></ul>		

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Next Meeting March 21st, 2023, at 5:30pm hybrid.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Date Approved