



Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Consumer and Family Advisory Committee- Orange
550 Smith-Level Rd Carrboro, NC 27510
(Hybrid Meeting via Microsoft Teams)
5:30pm- 7:00pm

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: ☒ Steve Furman- Chairperson ☒ Paula Harrington ☒ Allen Dittmer ☒ Carol Conway- Co-Chair
☒ Candace Alley ☒ Krista Caraway ☒ Linda Shipman ☒ Kate Shipman ☒ Stanley Cotton ☒ Kent Earnhardt

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

GUEST(S): ☐ Suzanne Thompson-NCDHHS ☒ Margaret Champion

STAFF PRESENT: ☒ Ramona Branch, Member Inclusion & Outreach Manager ☐ Aimee Izawa- Director Community & Member Engagement

☒ Douglas McDowell, Member Inclusion and Outreach Specialist-Orange County ☒ Dr. Aalece Pugh-Lilly-Sr Director Community Health & Well Being

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AGENDA ITEMS:	DISCUSSION:	NEXT STEPS:	TIME FRAME:
1. Welcome & Introductions -10 mins	Introductions were made by members, guests, and staff	NA	NA
2. Review of the minutes-5 min	A motion for approval of minutes was made by Kent Earnhardt, seconded by Kate Shipman, and unanimously approved by committee. No edits suggested or required	NA	NA

Draft minutes may be submitted with the monthly Board packet. Minutes will be approved by this Committee at a later date; minutes approved on [Click or tap to enter a date..](#)



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3. Public Comment-10 min	Kent Earnhardt commented on the lack of funds to attend a disability conference and the delay in a response about request to attend. Ramona Branch offered information about the CFAC budget as it related to a lack of funds to attend conferences, further explaining the extenuating circumstances related to the i2i conference, which offset funds for the remainder of the fiscal year. Aimee Izawa spoke about the limitations of members attending conferences, 12 conferences, permitting 2 members to attend per county, per conference, preferably spreading out conferences' opportunities for all members, every member gets a chance to attend at least one conference, if they so choose. Carol Conway inquired about funds request for October event and whether there had been any response on approving B# coffee. Douglas McDowell explained that since the event is going to be held in October of 2023, it wouldn't apply to this fiscal year's budget, therefore a response to the funds request will come after the start of the next fiscal year, July 2023. Douglas McDowell and Laurie Williamson commented on the success of the MedAssist OTC medication giveaway and that it would become an annual event.	NA	Ongoing
4. Speaker: 15-30 min	Laurie Williamson- Alliance Health Systems of Care Coordinator-Orange County- Presentation-Q&A-PowerPoint presentation given, with questions coming from members. Kent Earnhardt inquired about school-based programs and what they look like, with Krista Caraway commenting about Orange county's need for school-based programs. Kate Shipman commented about special education classes being used for students who can't speak English and the impact it has on children when placed in those classes. Aalece Pugh-Lilly shared about some of the programs being implemented in Wake county by Deborah Leonard and how successful the programs have been thus far. Linda Shipman commented and inquired about SOC's focus, stating the fact of how broad each area of focus was, and which area Alliance is focusing on currently. Laurie Williamson shared the promising statistical information related to school-based programs in Wake, i.e., decreased numbers of school suspensions and improved mental health. Laurie Williamson informed members Douglas would get them her contact information, along with Ann Oshel's contact information should	NA	NA



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	there be any further questions or comments as it relates to SOC and the work being done in that department.		
5. State Updates- 10 Mins	Suzanne Thompson discussed the state CFAC meeting which is upcoming on May 10 th .	Ongoing	Ongoing
6. Reports- 15 Min BOD, Steering Committee, State to Local, State CFAC Conferences, Trainings, etc.	Conference trainings were discussed in public comments, and no other information was discussed as it relates to conferences, steering committee meeting, or trainings. The i2i conference will be held in June for those registered the previous conference unless otherwise stated	Ongoing	Ongoing
7. MCO Updates 10 Min	Ramona Branch shared about Ruth Thompson being the new Family Partner for Orange county and the positive impact that could have with the family success alliance.	Ongoing	Ongoing
8. Statutory Requirements and Recommendations 15-30 Min	Aalece Pugh-Lily will be going over the membership criteria presentation- Aalece Pugh-Lilly went over CFAC applicant requirements, and specifics as it relates to the qualifications to be a member of the CFAC. Aalece utilized a PowerPoint to assist in educating the CFAC on the new criteria Alliance Health has for those applying to be committee members. Aimee Izawa commented on the public nature of the meeting and the fact anyone could attend, and make public comments, just not have the ability to vote.	NA	NA
9. Announcements	The Be Well event, a collaboration of the CFAC, along with the SOC department, will be held May 20 th . Plans are coming along. More info to come.	NA	NA
10. Adjournment	Steve Furman motioned for meeting to be adjourned, Paula Harrington seconded the motion, following unanimous agreement by all members in attendance.	NA	NA

ADJOURNMENT: the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.; the next meeting will be May 23, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.