



Thursday, August 24, 2023

CONSUMER AND FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - REGULAR MEETING
Cumberland County
711 Executive Place, Fayetteville, NC 28305
5:30-7:00 p.m.

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: ☐ Michael McGuire ☒ Ellen Gibson, ☒ Dorothy Johnson ☒ Sharon Harris ☒ Briana Harris ☐ Shirley Francis ☒ Tekeyyon Lloyd ☒ Renee Lloyd ☐ Carson Lloyd Jr. ☒ Felishia McPherson

GUEST(S): Stacy Harward, State Representative, Jaxson Mitchell

STAFF PRESENT: ☐ Ramona Branch, Member Inclusion and Outreach Manager; ☒ Aimee Izawa, Director of Community and Member Engagement; ☒ Starlett Davis, Member Inclusion and Outreach Specialist
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Topic: Cumberland County CFAC Meeting

Time: Aug 24, 2023 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** – the meeting was called to order at 5:35pm
- 2. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES** – The minutes from the June 22, 2023, meeting was reviewed; a motion was made by Felishia McPherson and seconded by Ellen Gibson to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:	DISCUSSION:	NEXT STEPS:	TIME FRAME:
3. Welcome and Introductions- 10 min	The meeting was called to order by Felishia McPherson at 5:30 pm.	N/A	N/A

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4. Review of the Minutes – 5 min	The minutes from the June 22, 2023 meeting was reviewed; a motion was made by Felishia McPherson and seconded by Ellen Gibson to approve the minutes.	N/A	N/A
5. PUBLIC COMMENT- 10 min	<p>Happy Birthday Felishia McPherson- Everyone sang Happy Birthday and gave well wishes.</p> <p>Starlett Davis announced two upcoming events for CFAC to participate in. The Umoja Festival on 8/26/2023 and Fun in the Sun Day on 9/16/2023. Starlett stressed the importance of the CFAC members participating in community activities and that they are always welcome to be at the table with Alliance. Starlett encouraged them to participate in events that Alliance isn't a part of as well. They can let her know ahead of time and she can make sure they have plenty of CFAC info cards.</p> <p>Aimee announced that Alliance will be doing some vaccination clinics soon to help the public with the physical health aspect of services and supports. The flyer will be finalized soon and CFAC can spread the word. The purpose is so children can have vaccinations so they can stay in school. There will be four clinics, September 5th, 7th, 14th, and 19th. Alliance is collaborating with Cumberland County Health Department and Cumberland County Schools for the clinics. These will be held at Williams Middle, Lewis Chapel Middle, Douglas Byrd Middle and Spring Lake Middle. Alliance will be providing a free produce bag for each child that gets a vaccine as well as a Chic Fila meal. They donated 600 meal vouchers for all sites. We want to take away any barrier to getting the children and parents out. Cumberland will be doing this first. The produce boxes are headed by a veteran and uses local farmers for the produce. He is excited about doing this.</p>	Please see Aimee, Ramona, or Star for any questions.	Ongoing
6. RECOGNITIONS	<p>Celebration and appreciation of Dorothy Johnson and Michael McGuire for their membership in CFAC.</p> <p>Starlett presented Dorothy her plaques. Michael was on the call virtually and Ellen will be giving him his plaque. Dorothy and Starlett took a pic together. Starlett shared words of appreciation for both of them.</p>	N/A	N/A
7. ELECTIONS	<p>CFAC members will elect Chair and Co- Chair for this fiscal year.</p> <p>The floor was opened for nominations by Felishia. Felishia McPherson was nominated for Chair, and she accepted. Renee Lloyd was nominated for Co-Chair but declined. Ellen Gibson was nominated for Co-Chair but declined. Sharon and Briana Harris were nominated for Co- Chair; however, we did not get</p>	Felishia McPherson is the local CFAC Chair and Ellen Gibson is the local CFAC Co-Chair for this fiscal year	2023/2024

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	a response as they were virtual and may have been having audio/ connection issues. No other individuals were nominated. However, Ellen Gibson stated she would be CO-Chair again so we would not be without one. The vote was called by Dorothy Johnson. It passed unanimously. Felishia McPherson is the local CFAC Chair and Ellen Gibson is the local CFAC Co-Chair for this fiscal year.		
8. STATE UPDATES- 10 MINS	Stacy Harward- Consumer call is next week. The next State to Local Call will go over roles and responsibilities for local and State CFAC members. The State CFAC had a retreat after State CFAC meeting. It was for the new members to get manuals and trainings.	Please see Aimee, Ramona, or Star for any questions.	Ongoing
9. MCO Updates- 10 min	Aimee Izawa and Ramona Branch Aimee explained there was a press release about Sandhills and Eastpointe were looking to merge into larger MCO to meet requirements of tailored plan. This must be approved by Secretary Kody Kinsley. Alliance does not speculate how that is going to happen. It was a surprise and unexpected, but we wanted to give clarity. Ramona gave the retreat dates of September 23, 2023. Alliance is finalizing the agenda and trying to get a presentation on advocacy. Aimee mentioned that the state approved the CFAC application, attestation form for stipend. Alliance submitted the code of conduct and stipend companion document. Once approved those will be given out. We are hoping we will have it approved by the retreat. Aimee discussed with the committee the options for members going to conferences /being sponsored by Alliance.	Please see Aimee, Ramona, or Star for any questions.	Ongoing
10. Speaker: 15-30 min	Tiny House Presentation We watched the Tiny house presentation. The committee enjoyed it and thought it was a great project. They questioned why we didn't have those here and what happened to the funds allotted for the Tiny Homes in Cumberland. Starlett explained that, that was not through Alliance. That was through the city/ county. The members expressed concerned on where the money went and why things have not followed through. They also express concerned about the housing situation in Cumberland County. According to the members, there has been a high increase in rent and the landlords are not keeping up the homes. They had concerns on not having any type of advocacy for those in these situations. Aimee and Starlett explained that Alliance could not assist as far as private landlords.	Please see Aimee, Ramona, or Star for any questions.	Ongoing

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	However, if it was via a housing voucher connected to Alliance, then they could possibly assist. Starlett offered to look for resources for advocacy for renters, resources that would help pay application fees for renters and advocacy for section 8 recipients with poor housing conditions.		
11. Statutory Requirements and Recommendations: 15-30 min	<p>Charter Review/ Stipend Document Review</p> <p>Starlett went over the charter with the committee. We looked through and found items that needed to be corrected or changed. Under Meetings, the second number 1 needed the correct meeting date added. Number 6 under the same section needed to be reworded to represent the accurate number of CFAC members and to take out the last sentence. Number 8 under the same section, the word virtual needed to be added to the meeting types along with in person. Those corrections were accepted as of 8/24/2023.</p> <p>We also discussed how many members can attend the Steering Committee meeting and receive a stipend. The Chair and Co-Chair will attend and one other member of the local committee. The person will be chosen by the local committee at the meeting before the Steering Committee meeting or via email. More than one member can attend as it is an open meeting. However, the chosen member will be the one to get the stipend. Whoever is chosen name has to be sent to Ramona or Aimee before the meeting.</p> <p>We also discussed meeting in person. The committee agreed to meet in person quarterly and continuing the virtual option. The meetings will be every 3 months. August counted as the first in person meeting of the fiscal year. The next in person meeting will be November for our holiday celebration. The meetings in between will be virtual.</p> <p>(1) Review, comment on, and monitor the implementation of the contract deliverables between area authorities and the Department of Health and Human Services. (2) Identify service gaps and underserved populations. (3) Make recommendations regarding the service array and monitor the development of additional services. (4) Review and comment on the area authority budget. (5) Develop a collaborative and working relationship with the area authority's member advisory committees to obtain input related to service delivery and system change issues. (6) Submit to the State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee findings and recommendations regarding ways to</p>	Please see Aimee, Ramona, or Star for any questions.	Ongoing

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	improve the delivery of mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, substance use disorder, and traumatic brain injury services, including Statewide issues.		

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** the meeting adjourned at [Click or tap here to enter text.](#); the next meeting will be virtual on September 28, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.