



Tuesday, October 24, 2023

CONSUMER AND FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - REGULAR MEETING
Orange County
5200 W. Paramount Parkway, Morrisville, NC 27560
5:30-7:00 p.m.

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: X Steve Furman □ Allen Dittmer X Carol Conway-Chair X Candace Alley X Kent Earnhardt
X Linda Shipman X Kate Shipman X Krista Zelt-Caraway X Stanly Cotton

GUEST(S): Stacey Harward-NCDHHS

STAFF PRESENT: X Douglas McDowell, Member Inclusion and Outreach Specialist, X Ramona Branch, Member Inclusion and Outreach Manager.
X Aimee Izawa, Director of Community and Member Engagement; LaKeisha McCormick, Member Inclusion and Outreach Manager; X Ruth Thompson-Family Partner-Orange County

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Topic: Orange County CFAC Meeting

Time: Aug 22, 2023 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – the virtual meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES – The minutes from the September 26, 2023, meeting were reviewed; a motion was made by Carol Conway and seconded by Linda Shipman to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:	DISCUSSION:	NEXT STEPS:	TIME FRAME:
3. Public Comments	I/DD Summit Recap-Carol Conway offered a detailed update about what was accomplished during the summit, and reported on progress in strengthening lines of communication between communities, stakeholders, services providers, and the legislators.	NA	Ongoing

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4. State Updates	<p>Stacy Harward was present from the NCDHHS for NC state updates-Information and updates about Medicaid expansion was reported on. It is noted that members should refer to the CE&E email update sent out by DHHS each month, as tall state updates for that month are usually covered there.</p>	NA	Ongoing
5. Speaker/Educational Time Ruth Thomson-Family Partner-Alliance Health	<p>Ruth Thomson, Family Partner, with Alliance Health offered a PowerPoint presentation, thoroughly covering what the role of the family partner entails. The family partner role works to support local care management efforts through a combination of activities with youth, families, stakeholders, various public and private agencies. They advocate and collaborate for development of processes and agreements that specifically address the critical community needs of youth and families, who may or may not be enrolled with the MCO. They foster relationships and partnerships that aid in the identification and referral to the MCO of youth and families that meet special needs or high-risk. They facilitate the process to connect individuals and families to service providers in the community and educates and assists youths and families in their choices, using person-centered-planning approaches, and cultural competence skills gained through their lived experience. They assist families in linking with appropriate services and will make referrals for families as needed. The family partner can work with provider agencies to ensure the occurrence of and fidelity to Child and Family Team and provides technical assistance as needed; They can also develop and provide ongoing training and technical assistance to build family leadership, family and professional partnerships, and implement family driven practices. There were several questions from various members in attendance, Ruth Thomson shared her contact information, and the links to any information shared. rthomson@alliancehealthplan.org</p>	NA	
6. Reports- BOD, Steering Committee, State to Local, State CFAC, Conferences, Trainings, Etc.	<p>*September 2023 notes for state to local-*See attached reports</p>  September State to Local CFAC Meeting! <p>*CFAC Report September 2023 -Notes</p>  Alliance Health September 2023 CFA!	NA	Ongoing

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7. LME/MCO Updates	<p>Aimee and Ramona discussed updates related to the NC Medicaid Expansion. Aimee shared that the state has recently published a toolkit to inform members about the expansion and how it will affect the population served. She noted the importance of understanding the utilization of Medicaid funds versus limited state funds and helping people connect to Medicaid. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday to discuss next steps, strategize community response, and provide support.</p> <p>Aimee also mentioned that the RUN/Innovations Dashboard has been posted by the state, providing county-specific data. Aimee, Dave, and MIOS Victoria discussed how the state apportions slots based on the highest need/longest waitlist counties, but acknowledged that there are still limitations in place. Dave reported that currently, there are 350 authorized slots for Medicaid expansion, but there is a waitlist of 17,000 people awaiting services. It was noted that some individuals are relocating to other counties in order to expedite access to services. Dave also shared his recent attendance at the NC Assistive Technology Conference, where he spoke with Disability Rights about the Samantha R settlement. However, there was a lack of progress as the Registry of Unmet Needs (RUN) - which is meant to clear the waitlist - has not been successful even after 2 years of its 10-year mandate.</p> <p>Aimee also mentioned that there are ongoing discussions between Disability Rights NC and NC DHHS on how to feasibly address this issue, with politics creating complications in finding a solution. Regina suggested organizing another legislative day to address this issue. Ramona added that SCFAC oversees this matter and the annual meeting is in March.</p> <p>Other items discussed included the CFAC Stipend Companion Document and the Youth Advisory Committee. Aimee shared that Alliance is currently waiting for state approval of the submitted documents for the Youth Advisory Committee. Ramona Branch shared about the need to develop the strategic goals based on results from the 2023 retreat, decided and submitted by the first of December. Douglas, Carol, Candace needs to come together, with other CFAC mem - Reminder: Code of Conduct and Stipend Attestation Signed -Any CFAC report-in: events, conferences, trainings to determine what strategic goals they want to work on for the fiscal year-</p>		
8. Statutory Requirements	Orange county's charter still needs to be voted on. Carol brought up the need to get the charter completed. Motion by Carol, Charter was adopted, and approved, seconded by Kate Shipman and unanimously passed by attending members.	NA	Ongoing

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9. Announcements & Upcoming Event Planning	Will get together before next meeting to discuss strategic goal planning and which goals are most needed and appropriate for the community moving forward in the fiscal year.	Schedule a time to meet to discuss strategic goals for the fiscal year	Ongoing

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.; the next meeting will be November 28, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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