



Tuesday, September 26, 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 X Allen Dittmer X Carol Conway-Chair ☐ Candace Alley X Kent Earnhardt  
X Linda Shipman X Kate Shipman X Krista Zelt-Caraway X Stanly Cotton

**GUEST(S):** Marie Dodson, Margaret Champion, Lisa Sullivan

**STAFF PRESENT:** X Douglas McDowell, Member Inclusion and Outreach Specialist, Ramona Branch, Member Inclusion and Outreach Manager; X Aimee Izawa, Director of Community and Member Engagement; LaKeisha McCormick, Member Inclusion and Outreach Manager; Mecklenburg County

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Topic: Orange County CFAC Meeting

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**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** – the meeting was called to order at [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**2. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES** – The minutes from the August 22, 2023, meeting were reviewed; a motion was made by Carol Conway and seconded by Kent Earnhardt to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:	DISCUSSION:	NEXT STEPS:	TIME FRAME:
3. Public Comments-10-15 minutes	Carol led the meeting off with introductions, with everyone present at the meeting, going around the room, sharing a bit about themselves. It's noted that Marie Dodson, CFAC Steering committee chair was present and said she was visiting all CFAC's to get a better idea of what each county is doing in their meetings. Lisa Sullivan from First in Families was also present for a presentation on what First in	Continued Preparations	


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	<p>Families does in the way of advocacy work. Carol commented on the lack of information and a lack of focus on the I/DD population anytime the state communicates about what they're doing to assist and support minority groups in our state, that I/dd is often left completely out and not mentioned. Carol spoke about the upcoming I/DD Summit Event-OC CFAC- I/DD Summit for Families sponsored by PACID, CIDD, UNC School of Social Work, Alliance Health (hybrid event) *See attached flyer</p>  <p>Carol Conway updated members and guests about logistics as it related to coordination of the event, i.e., reiteration of speakers and topic points, agenda items, etc. Carol encouraged participation from the other members, explaining the importance of support and representation for the I/DD population. Carol recounted the positive impact and success of the 2023 retreat, reiterating topics discussed and goal points to consider for the coming fiscal year. The goal topic must be considered and agreed upon by all members before a final decision on goal topics is made. Douglas McDowell applauded the effort of OC-CFAC members attending the retreat in person, and for taking their time to commit to CFAC business on a weekend. *OC-CFAC notably had the greatest number of subcommittee members in attendance for the 2023 retreat.</p>		
<p>4. State Updates -10 minutes</p>	<p>State representative-No state representative present Aimee Izawa reminded everyone of the NC`CEE updates sent via email every month for state updates. Per Douglas McDowell-Community health workers have returned to providing a wider range of services, often focusing on chronic illness and helping community members address the non-medical drivers of health, such as food, transportation, housing and personal safety.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

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	Through the NC CHW Initiative, funded through a grant by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), ORH has supported the establishment of the NC Community Health Worker Association (NCCHWA), including CHW certification. The Initiative has supported further development of CHW training, including the development of health coaching and supervisor training.		
5. Speaker 15-30 minutes	First in Families- A grassroots family support initiative founded by families looking for new ways to provide and receive support. Q&A Representative-Lisa Sullivan shared about the organization's mission, meeting needs for families often in some sort of crisis with funds procured through grants and lots of fundraising. Lisa made a point to share about those families who end up giving back to the organization once they have gotten to more stable places in their own lives. Lisa shared statistical information about the numbers of families helped and plans to add other services moving forward. Carol inquired about the various types of funding used to operate- procured grants and fundraising. Website- <a href="https://fifnc.org/-Lisa Sullivan">https://fifnc.org/-Lisa Sullivan</a>	Ongoing	
6. Reports-15 Minutes- BOD, Steering Committee, State to Local, State CFAC Conferences, Trainings, etc	Aimee made the point that more conferences are coming up, including the i2i conference, and that there is a new selection method with choosing which individuals and conferences will be approved to attend with CFAC funding. Carol Conway was able to share a couple of updates as it relates to the August Steering committee meeting.	Ongoing	
7. LME/MCO Updates-10 minutes	Ramona-Aimee-Aimee had no new LME/MCO updates. It was noted that since budget had been passed, Medicaid expansion will now start on December 1 <sup>st</sup> . Stanley Cotton asked about reasons for the expansion waiting till Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> . Noted that the budget passage was where the delays originate.	Ongoing	
8. Statutory Requirements- 15 minutes	Reviewing from last meeting- Relational Agreement, By-laws, Orange County CFAC charter. Carol brought up the charter that was worked on in the August meeting, making mention it was yet to be approved by the committee. *The topic was tabled till next CFAC meeting. Douglas brought up the need for remaining members to get required CFAC documents completed and signed. It was noted that signed CFAC documents submitted no later than September 30 <sup>th</sup> , which includes Stipend Attestations, code of conduct, and the updated applications completed at the retreat left Kent Earnhardt, Candace Alley, and Allen Dittmer as the only members left needing completion.	Ongoing	
9. Announcements	Committee recruiting needs-Lacking representation from those diagnosed with TBI/TBI Waiver population-continued. I/DD Summit October 14 <sup>th</sup> -Carol says there is	Ongoing	

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	a waitlist for the event but told guests in attendance to come on out to the event anyway and room would be made, or the virtual option is available to anyone wanting to attend.		

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** the meeting adjourned at [Click or tap here to enter text.](#); the next meeting will be October 24, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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