Attendees:

Alicia King Creative Connections Clubhouse

Ginger Cato HFM Prevention Council

Gwen Ossenkop FMCC

Kelsey Carpe Cancer Prevention in Action

Brandy Richards Northeast Problem Gambling

Cassandra VanNostrand Planned Parenthood of Greater NY

Kathy Stangle Headstart

Kelly Gilligan

Sally Baker

Spotlight Speaker - Nancy Deumaga – Mental Health Association for Fulton & Montgomery Counties -Community Educator Vast number of programs that are offered throughout the community on mental health. Adult & youth 1st aid programs and will be starting a teen mental health 1st aid program. Offer trauma informed care, suicide prevention. Also, MHA holds the Safe Harbor Grant. They also have Child Advocacy Center. Comm Care for the youth it’s a mentoring program for ages 8-18. They need volunteers the commitment would be 4 hours per month and would involve participating in positive social activities with the youth and they do go out on trips. There is Adult Comm Care program too. MHA has family support services as well to encourage positive social engagement and a positive learning environment, help with navigating the system ad this also holds a lot of social events. After school programs cost is $10 per month and has a nice structure and have speakers come in. Summer camps they offer as well and there might be a summer camp coming to Amsterdam. MHA has thrift stores in both Amsterdam & Johnstown called Handy Ups and Downs it is consumer run, some that need to do community service hours will work here and they also have paid staff present. Offer residential programs (5) for child and youth, halfway house for women and exciting new news of a 48-unit affordable housing unit coming to Amsterdam their prediction is to have this fully operational within the next 2-3 years! LGBTQ resources.

Meeting Notes:

September 27th 2021 Century Club

Favorable Peer Attitudes idea of connecting with Grow Amsterdam have a community garden in Amsterdam

Action team report – no reports to date all action teams meeting in June.

MCC meetings coming up: No meeting for July, next meeting is Wednesday, August 11th 2021 starting in September MCC will be offering hybrid meetings for those who want to join in person meetings will be held at FMCC and Zoom will be offered still for those to join virtually.

New Business:

Gwen & Ginger working on CADCA - community assessment – action plan for nexy year to lower the #’s and report to CDC. Need to get the youth more involved.

Evaluation Plan the logic model getting more community history before putting things into motion

Formed a short-term Vaping Action Committee for the idea of the Vape Drop Box. Tricia Terleckey and Kelsey Carpe volunteered to be part of this.

CADCA Mid-Year (7/12-7/15) need a volunteer from MCC to attend the 7/15 date and Gwen will send info to the group

Member Reports:

Gwen – new website [www.montgomerycountycares.org](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.montgomerycountycares.org&c=E,1,SMyEyzJsTSNVnPATmDOq2FNNKzPu68ZmT5P3hN1MQ8-JONOe1PJfCmXpy4tDUFUO5lC2ycSdgH8r87r6U5GBNscYBbQ6LSjmCBqxFaVA2PM,&typo=1&ancr_add=1)

Lots of promotional goals being set up to spread the word about the coalition and billboards will be included in this plan

Elisabeth Aurand – St. Johns & St. Marks giving out food for those not in the backpack program and will have flyer sent out to the group to refer to

Brandy Richards – Community stakeholder survey encouraging all to please take it. Trainings are always available to anyone if they need. They are in need of a Spanish speaking clinician please reach out to her if you know of someone or share her information to spread the word on this position that’s open.

Alyssa Craig – 6/29 is the last community dinner will have BBQ, slushy machine, haircuts for members, bounce house, send flyer

Ginger Cato – HFM Prevention Recovery Center has officially moved to 33 Blaker Street in Gloversville and the grand opening is on 7/22 at 1pm. They will be opening a small recovery center in Amsterdam 7/1 is the target date.

Laurie B – High school equivalency exam is opened to the general public for 6/17 & 6/18 there are a handful of openings remaining

Kathy Stangle – Many positions open and accepting 3–4-year-old for the Fall. Fort Plain site is no longer, and they will be opening a center in Johnstown.

Kelsey Carpe Cancer Prevention in Action for Fulton Montgomery & Schenectady Counties – Warmer months here remember to stay sun safe and use sun safe practices that work best for you – apply sunscreen, seek shade, cover up with protective clothing, sunglasses. Reduce your risk of skin cancer. Today we invite you all if you can attend 5pm at Wolf Hollow Brewing Company they have adopted 3 cancer prevention policies a formal ribbon cutting ceremony. Sun safety for their workforce and Patrons and PTO policy for cancer screenings to their FT employees.