**Meeting Minutes for MCC August 2021**

**Attendees**: Kathy Stangle, Vanessa Carey, M<Arianne Suchocki, Linda Bargstedt, Gwen Ossenkop, Kelsey Carpe, Bonnie Peck, Cassandra VanNostrand, Rachel Marcey, Alyssa Craig, Brandy Richards, Wendy Proctor, Nydia Hill, Kelley Gilligan, Lisa Cimo, Lt. Lewis.

**Spotlight Speakers**: Laurie Bargstedt (HFM BOCES), Kelsey Carpe (Cancer Prevention in Action), Marianne Suchocki (Director-Fulmont Head Start).

**Laurie Bargstedt**:

HFM BOCES operates Literacy Zones in Amsterdam and Gloversville. Both locations provide educational services to adults on their path to the high school equivalency diploma. English as a Second Language services are available in Amsterdam. The students we serve also need to have additional goals related to continued education, training and employment. Similar programs are available to people incarcerated at the Fulton and Montgomery County Correctional Facilities. Case management support provides referrals to supportive wrap around services that help students overcome the challenges that interfere with the attainment of goals.

English Language Learners have the opportunity to study for IC3 Digital Literacy Certification, and industry recognized credential that validates digital skills and the effective use of technology in most career pathways. Instruction includes language and technology development needed in the workplace. ([https://link.edgepilot.com/s/3131c080/dHXrMkOsh0CbDlT7JxjeiA?u=https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Certifications/IC3/Digital-Literacy-Certification/Overview.aspx](https://link.edgepilot.com/s/319eba94/bvJFQ8IjIUe1_iITPI2pWw?u=https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%253a%252f%252fcertiport.pearsonvue.com%252fCertifications%252fIC3%252fDigital-Literacy-Certification%252fOverview.aspx%26c=E%2C1%2Cnoed0eG_Cf8ejqI0k1vzIfFACqMMFZ_BUs9C70HjyOLRMr6da3ZPZSQ8pffWxeJgJwbgXGd3-NtvpeOVlBZncMt1vGyqLUEnkVtMFJfxg_cVlE7D_vKS%26typo=1))

For more information follow us on Facebook: Amsterdam Literacy Zone or Gloversville Literacy Zone. To speak with someone, call the HFM Main Campus at 518-736-4340, ALZ at 518-212-6120, or GLZ at 518-725-3308. Program Manager: Laurie Bargstedt; Case Manager: Hillary Graff. Staff members return to the Literacy Zones on September 1.

**Kathy Stangle**:

Fulmont Community Action Agency, Inc. Early Childhood Services Program is a comprehensive preschool program that provides children ages 3-5 and their families a wide range of services. All families who are enrolled in our program receive services in the areas of education, health, nutrition, disabilities and family services. We believe that the parent is the primary educator of their child and therefore, parent involvement is of the utmost importance. In combination with parent input and our school readiness goals The Early Childhood Services Program is dedicated to preparing its students for a lifetime of academic success. Head Start Program our locations are Amsterdam, Johnstown, Gloversville, Canajoharie, OESJ serving 321 children and families.

Other Fulmont Community Action Agency Programs (Dual County- Fulton & Montgomery Counties): Community Services (HEAP, Clothing, Food Pantry, VITA (Tax preparation), Cars for Careers), Weatherization (Energy Saving Program), Senior Transportation (Fulton County ONLY), WIC.

For More Information or to speak with someone: 518-853-3011 or Head Start 518-842-8225.

**Kelsey Carpe**:

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Cancer Prevention in Action Program at St. Mary's Healthcare serves Fulton, Montgomery and Schenectady Counties. Contracted through NYS Department of Health. August is Immunization Awareness Month. In 2020 there were 1 million less HPV vaccines given in the U.S. compared to 2019. This Vaccine prevents 6 different types of cancers. Vaccine is good for children ages 9-26, for both boys and girls. COVID-19 has delayed many health care visits causing a major decrease in the HPV vaccine. HPV vaccine is cancer prevention let's help NYS get back on track with HPV vaccinations to prevent an increase in cancer in years to come. Kelsey can give out FREE educational materials or other resources. For more information: 518-770-6815, Kelsey.carpe@nysmha.org, [www.TakeActionAgainstCancer.com](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.TakeActionAgainstCancer.com&c=E,1,xWYekR4wsPNiJnK7RanfRTWBZNrjEww5YTy1B3g7XM6kDqYxEZ0v9QUgzBZWHSPw4tXGK-t-xVt3fAxMhQiDMCoyQTzzGHf5X3tiFi-_sVnOTDWlWzM,&typo=1&ancr_add=1), [//Facebook.com/TakeActionAgainst/Cancer](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2f%2f%2fFacebook.com%2fTakeActionAgainst%2fCancer.&c=E,1,0gomG7pRvsB-S7FsOD2inOd4ig0_52jMuAItmDzgTA77t0-qQ3Bnx8ivPxRHbdPHuPcLO8LTl8hXOLQq5UmJ7tUnxfzSuCMAIYlV5z-a1MBc1aNknilWtJku7g,,&typo=1&ancr_add=1).

**Approval of Minutes:** Nydia 1st and Laurie 2nd

**Old Business:**

**Focus Risk Factors – Favorable Peer Attitudes:** Still working on risk protective factors

**Protective Factors – Family Connections:** Grades 6-12th and Parents

**Action Team Reports**: Capacity Building, Coalition Training, Community Involvement/Media,

Vape Box Action Team **–** Did not meet in July –

**Gateway- Slides**: Please send them!

**New Business:**

**September meeting** – In person: Allen House-FMCC, continue to meet at 9:3 a.m.

If there are changes due to COVID-19 =, Gwen will inform us.

**Parent University:** (Montgomery County ONLY),

September 22, 2021-October 20th, 2021 6:00-7:30 p.m.

6 weeks, 1 night per week, on FMCC Campus- Community Center

Learning experience for parents- offering community outreach classes

**Action Plan and Narrative for 2021/2022**: DONE

**Vape Drop Boxes-Update**: Trisha will be reaching out to local schools to see if they are

interested in receiving a drop box for used vape pens and

information to quit.

**CADCA Mid-Year and Academy**: Gwen & Ginger on track to graduate in February

**Tabling Event at Centro Civico:** August 20th, 2021: 12:00p.m.-4:00 p.m. Back to School Themed

**Party Patrols and Compliance Checks**: Have monies in account to do this

**Coordinator Reports**:

NONE

**Member Reports/Updates**:

Catholic Charites-Emergency Assistance- Vanessa Carey: Monies for rental arrears’, National Grid arrears’, and multiple employment opportunities.

Planned Parenthood-Lisa Cimo: Fulton/Montgomery/Herkimer Counties-

Currently covering Schoharie County Hotline. Will be going back into schools

for prevention education in September.

Northeast Problem Gambling- Brandy Richards: Virtual Conference;

October 26-27th, 2021-$20.00 for two days, OASIS credit. September is

Recovery Month for Gambling.

New Choices Recovery Center- Nydia Hill: Same business, counseling 8:00-

4:00 Riverfront Center.

Planned Parenthood-Rachel Marcey: Amsterdam and Johnstown offices will

Be opening with limited hours, Please call for more information. There is a

completely anonymous survey on LGBTQ+ and community being done, it is

once every 5 years, please call for more information.

**NEXT MEETING**: Wednesday September 8, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., at the Allen House on FMCC Campus.

**Spotlight Speaker**: Ginger Cato-Recovery Center

**Note Taker**: Shar Berenger

**Adjournment**: Motion to Adjourn- Nydia 1st and Laurie 2nd.