

**Montgomery County Cares**

Meeting Minutes

Date of meeting:

**Attendance: Gwen Ossenkop,** MCC Coordinator; **Ginger Cato,** Recovery Center; **Kim Shainberg,** Safe Harbour; **Sally Baker,** CDTF; **Sharleen Berenger, Nydia Hill,** New Choices; **Ariana Mattice-Lybrand,** District Office Manager of Assemblyman Santabarbara; **Alyssa Craig**, Creative Connections Clubhouse; **Kelsey Carpe,** Cancer Prevention in Action; **Nancy Deumaga,** Mental Health Association; **Lisa Cimo, Tina Morey,** Sexual Assault Support Services; **Kelley Gilligan,** Catholic Charities Domestic Violence and Crime Victim Services; **Laurie Bargstedt,** HFM BOCES Adult Literacy; **Michele Ciani,** Catholic Charities;  **Kathy Stangle,** Headstart; **Elizabeth Aurand,** St. John’s & St. Mark’s, Canajoharie; **Vanessa Carey,** Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance;

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| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **OUTCOME/FUTURE ACTIONS** |
| **Welcome/Introductions** |  |  |
| **Approval of minutes** | 1st: Vanessa, 2nd Nydia. Approved. |  |
| **Spotlight Speaker** | Cheyenne Lovell from Catholic Charities DV Services shared a video on the Resources available in Fulton and Montgomery Counties. The video will be shared with the coalition members. | |
| **Old Business** |  |  |
| Capacity Survey | Capacity Survey due by 3/10 | Gwen will announce winner of gift card of those who submitted the survey |
| Capacity Survey Action Team | 2 members needed to join to review the capacity survey and create an action plan from the results. | Sally Baker and Sharleen Berenger volunteered; they will be meeting with Gwendolyn and Ginger to review the survey and how to move forward with the data |
| New Logo | FMCC Students are working on updating the Montgomery County Cares logo | Gwen will email out the logos when complete and the coalition will vote on them during the April meeting |
| Co-Chair | Sharleen Berenger nominated and voted on as new co-chair of MCC | Approved. |

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| **New Business** |  |  |
| CADCA Academy Update | -Need to create a logic model w/ an action team; this will establish what goals the coalition has and how to get there  -2019 survey does not provide enough data and the coalition will be working with Law Enforcement to gather more, along with compliance checks  -Focus groups with parents and students will begin at the end of March  -Gwen and Ginger are working on the community scan | If interested in being apart of the action team, please reach out to Gwen  -There will be more information in April |
| Annual Family Dinner | -Annual family dinner night is scheduled for September 27, 2021 at the Century Club  -Volunteers will be needed for this event! | More info to come, |
| Coordinator updates | -March 22-28th is National Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week  -Gwen has registered for a few events; watch the facebook page for more information and videos etc.  -Key Informant Survey; learning what members of the community believe the problems facing the community are  -Environmental Scan has begun  -Made contact with PTECH to discuss the possibility of creating a youth coalition  -Working with LPP for parent involvement  -Coalition is being highlighted by CADCA |  |

**Member Reports**

**Vanessa (Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance):** Funds available to help people with rent and National Grid bills.

**Laurie (Adult Literacy):** Services still being offered; IC3 is available as a training to help someone to gain basic technical skills to help with employment.

**Kathy (Headstart):** Headstart will be going to 4 days a week; enrolling 3 and 4 year olds for the fall season; Part time positions available.

**Alyssa (Creative Connections):** Triple P parenting for parents of teens is now available; a flyer will be out soon.

**Cassandra (Planned Parenthood):** Planned Parenthood in Amsterdam is open for in person and telehealth appointments; Cassandra is available for any outreach and education needs, contact at [cassandra.vannostrand@ppgreaterny.org](mailto:cassandra.vannostrand@ppgreaterny.org)

**Next Zoom meeting: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 @ 9:30 AM**

**Next Month’s Spotlight Speaker: Laurie B, HFM BOCES**

**Note Taker: Shar Berenger**