

**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** |  |  |
| **Spotlight Speaker** | Laurie Bargstedt—HFM BOCES, Adult Literacy and Corrections Literacy Zones -Adult Basic Education -HEE🡪 College & Apprenticeship Training -ESL🡪Available in Amsterdam -IC3 digital literacy will phase out after 1 more year -Still distance learning; if no access to technology, participants can receive paper packets with all information and work - Amsterdam and Gloversville Literacy Zones are on Facebook! Will post or share updates from other organizations-Openings for part-time teacher aides; senior accounting clerk-Continuing to take students 18 years and up-Continuing to partner with Workforce Solutions |
| **Old Business** |  |  |
| Capacity Survey  | -Gwen sent the results of the capacity survey in a powerpoint for the coalition -pointed out certain statistics, such as members feel only 45% of the community is aware of the coalition and their efforts-need for more youth engagement  | -with these results, the Capacity Building action team will begin working -Coalition trainings will be available for members  |

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| **New Business** |  |  |
| Call for Action Team Members  | -A need for coalition members to join action teams covering: community outreach, capacity building and trainings.  | -Action teams will begin meeting to set goals for their teams -If interested in joining any of the action teams, reach out to Gwen  |
| New Logo Survey Results  | -New logo has been chosen!-Some changes for logo has been requested by members of the coalition  | -Will send the changes to the class and will report back to the coalition with the updated logo  |
| Coordinator updates | -Early May will be Week 2 of CADCA -Partnering with Creative Connections for chalk the walk -Parent and Student surveys for focus groups will begin soon  |  |

**Member Reports**

**Kelsey (Cancer Prevention in Action):** Actively achieving new policies in Fulton County; will be present at Fishing Derby and proving sun safety education; website is: takeactionagainstcancer.com

**Brandy (NY Problem Gambling):** Thank you to everyone who participated in Problem Gambling Month; will be sending out a community stakeholder survey; Save the date for October 27 & 28 for National Conference.

**Rachel (PPGNY):** Pride is in June; many upcoming activities, both virtual and in person events; PPGNY’s LGBT Navigator is providing assistance and trainings on a variety of topics; Pride, Pronoun, and Ally pins available. Contact Rachel at Rachel.marcey@ppgreaterny.org

**Kathy (Headstart):** Headstart is now 4 days a week in all locations; Materials are being sent to anyone off site; Positions are open for teacher, bus aide, kitchen aide, and recruiter; contact Amsterdam site for more information

**Alyssa (Creative Connections):** The Clubhouse received the Saratoga Arts Grant; purchased a vinyl machine to make clothing; there will be a mural painted for the basketball court, the mural will be a contest through Amsterdam HS.

**Ginger:** Moving Recovery Center from Johnstown 37 Bleeker St in Gloversville in May after some renovations; Grand opening will be in mid-June.

**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

**Next Zoom meeting: Wednesday,May 12, 2021 @ 9:30 AM**

**Next Month’s Spotlight Speaker: Rachel Marcey; PPGNY**

**Note Taker:**