

**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](mailto: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](mailto:cassandra.vannostrand@ppgreaterny.org)

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

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

**Note Taker:**