



Montgomery County Cares

Meeting Minutes

Date of meeting: 2/10/2021

Attendance: Zoom meeting

Gwen Ossenkop, MCC Coordinator; **Ginger Cato** Recovery Center; **Kelley Gilligan, Cheyanne Lovell** DV/CVS/SH; **Mary Carpenter**, CCFMC; **Minerva Ortiz** St. Mary's Cancer Peer Education; **Kathy Stangle**, Head Start; **Lt. Michael Lewis**, MCSO; **Courtney Javarone, Vanessa Carey**, Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance; **Alicia King**, HFM Prev. Council; **Elisabeth Aurand**, St. John's & St. Mark's, Canajoharie; **Rachel Marcey**, PPGNY; **Ariana Mattice-Lybrand**, Assemblyman Santabarbara; **Valerie Veltri, Tanya Farley**, Catholic Charities Food Farmacy; **Sally Baker**, CDTF; **Sharlee Berenger**, COTI Project; **Laurie Bargstedt**, HFM BOCES Adult Literacy; **Kathleen Towne, Lisa Cimo**, Sexual Assault Support Services; **Sarah Santamaria**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/FUTURE ACTIONS
Welcome/Introductions		
Approval of minutes	1 st - Laurie, 2 nd by Vanessa. Approved	
Spotlight Speaker	<p>Valerie Veltri spoke about the Catholic Charities Food Farmacy "Food is Medicine" to prevent/manage health. There are different barriers to proper nutrition. People who are food insecure with health conditions are considered for the Food Farmacy. Meal planning, dietary advice are additional resources. Referrals are made. Please contact Tanya and Valerie with questions. FB page, "Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery Counties Food Farmacy" is updated daily.</p> <p>Tanya.farley@cc-fmc.org, 518-775-9066 Valerie.veltri@cc-fmc.org, 518-775-9049 FAX: 518-734-0764</p>	
Old Business		
Spotlight speakers	Are needed for April, November and December	Laurie – April Lisa C – Nov Kathy S – Dec
Note takers	Are needed for 6 months	Kathy – July Vanessa – Aug, Sharlee – Sept Kelly – Oct Sharlee – Nov

		Vanessa - Dec
Bylaws	Changes made by Action Team were submitted to the Coalition	Changes approved
New Business		
Capacity Survey	The survey provides insights into coalition processes, strategies and activities, strengths and weaknesses. Answer honestly, it is anonymous, it will take 15-20 minutes.	In need of 3 volunteers by mid-March to make an action plan; contact Gwen if you're interested.
New logo	Discussed changing and updating the logo.	Gwen will speak with a class at FMCC and ask if they will be willing to assist.
Co-Chair	A MCC Co-Chair is needed according to the new bylaws.	A nomination form will be emailed.

Member Reports

Kathy (Head Start) – Free income tax preparation for income eligible folks.

Laurie (HFM BOCES Adult Literacy) - HFM BOCES is still offering services, mostly virtual, offering ABE, HS Equivalency Exam, opening at the end of the month. ESL is offered in Amsterdam. IC3 is a digital literacy 150-hour training that allows one to walk into any job with Basic technical skills.

Kelley (DV/CVS/SH) – Hiring for a FT DV advocate. 6 people are at the shelter, there is available space.

Ginger (Rob Constantine Recovery Community Outreach Center) – RCRCC is hiring! FT jail services and PT peer services positions. Ginger is accepting resumes. The Recovery Center is moving May 1 to 33 Bleecker St, Gloversville- the old YWCA.

Alicia (HFM Prev.) - PPP (Positive Parenting Program) is available to parents of children ages 6-12. In March there will be a program available to parents of teens.

Mary (CCFMC) - Mary has a huge donation of children's masks. Kathy will contact her.

Next Zoom meeting: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Spotlight Speaker for January: Cheyenne Lovell, CC DV Services

Note taker: Cassandra VanNostrand