



**Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2018
10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Shipley State Service Center
Seaford, DE 19973**

Mission: *This Committee coordinates efforts to provide a forum to connect key service providers, to better assist individuals and families, in accessing services in Sussex County. The goal is to improve overall physical and economic health.*

Welcome & Introductions: Cheryl Doucette called the meeting to order and welcomed the committee members. Michelle Johnson asked the committee to review January meeting minutes. Motion to approve the minutes by Holly Johnson, seconded by Evelyn Wilson. Minutes were approved as presented. Committee member introduced themselves.

Attendees: Holly Johnson, Patricia Clear, Ella Collins, Michelle Johnson, Alethea Scott, Evelyn Wilson, Ramona Pickett, Dorian Baker, Ida Pennewell, Jere Hutson, Denise Freeman, Jackie Beard, Vickie Artis, Cheryl Doucette, Nancy Burris, Lisa Coldiron.

Action Items:

- Denise Freeman, \$tand by Me, will find out how coaches for the program advertise when and where they are located and available to meet with potential new clients.
- Cheryl and Denise will work to schedule a meet & greet \$tand by Me Coaches (Sussex and Kent Coaches invited). SCHC will host gathering. Invite committee members to meet coaches and network. Ongoing.
- SCHC will work with Vickie Artis to present at other SCHC Committee Meetings: Block Grant Presentation to YESO; FACET program to SECC-ELAT; BHTG/Health overview of all programs. Cheryl will reach out to Vickie about future meetings.
- Vickie Artis to send SCHC the website to bid on RFP.
- Vickie will share a flyer on the April 25 free event at Dover Downs.
- Share Vickie Artis contact information with committee members, Done.
- SCHC will ask Dupree Johnson to update the committee on job training, transportation issues for persons re-entering job search. Done
- Dorian Baker will resend the availability list of when social workers are at Sussex County libraries to meet with the community, Done.
- Jere Hutson will send SCHC a list of Community Partner Services Unit Partners to be shared with committee members, Done.
- Remind Tynetta Brown of January action items, Done.
- Confirm Regina Sidney-Brown can update the group in March, Done.

Cheryl asked all committee members to complete an updated Membership form. SCHC does not share any information. If you are interested in attending the meet the funder event, (March 7th 1-3 pm; one person per organization, max 25 organizations) we must have a current membership form on file.

Review January action items reviewed. SCHC will follow up where applicable.

Cheryl reviewed the committee dashboard.

\$tand by Me, presented couple of months ago. Denise Freeman will be attending monthly meetings. How can this committee help promote and connect with \$tand by Me? This is a wonderful program and wealth of information. Q: How do people find coaches? Denise was unsure and will research and report back to the committee. Cheryl asked if we could get the Sussex and Kent coaches that work with Sussex together for a meet and greet. Denise and SCHC will work to organize a spring date.

Cheryl asked the group to think about some wins from being a part of this committee share organizational goals. Bring an easel, paper, marker.

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Vickie Artis, Family Services Program Support Manager,

The Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

Phone: 302-633-2618; Email: Vickie.artis@state.de.us

Vickie handed out a brochure guide to Program and Services.

- Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG). Supports funding for universal targeted substance abuse prevention services. Cheryl would like to have an update on Block Grant to YESO Committee.
- Families and Centers Empowered Together – (FACET) is a family engagement, family support and empowerment program located in six diverse Early Learning Centers. The program is designed to strengthen families through educational and life enhancing/stress relieving activities, and other support services within the community. These non-threatening, family enhancing activities and support services are chosen by the parents themselves through a parent council designed to promote their involvement and give them control over the program. Families of preschool age children are strengthened through activities designed to build community relationships, improve parenting skills, increase self-esteem and a sense of control, and reduce stress. Cheryl asked to have FACET presentation to the SECC-ELAT committee and possibly the same presentation to BHTG/Health committees.
- Community event on April 25th. Vickie to send a flyer to SCHC to be distributed.
- FACET receives state funding, but has not had a presence in Sussex County, Telamon (Georgetown) may be receiving funds for 2018. Q: what is the RFP and how do we bid on it? Vickie Artis to send us the website, link to bid on the RFP.
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF). A community-based family support and preservation program which provides consultation services to families who are “at risk or in crisis” due to one or a combination of stressors that may lead to child maltreatment. Build the skills to “fish” for themselves. 52% are self-referrals. Bulk of referrals come from DSS, families that are already engaged in services. Single parent, multiple children, multiple issues – need to coordinate services for the family, so seeking services doesn’t become a hardship on the family. Kids department always focuses on the child’s needs. Special needs kids with trauma need even more services. The goal is to reduce services. Be aware of what services the child is already receiving, how does that parallel what the family needs are?

Next meeting: Hope Ellsworth to present One Stop Update at the March meeting. She coordinates all the job training efforts state wide. Committee members, please be prepared to ask tough questions on services for Sussex County. Focus on getting the person trained with the right skills so individuals can get the right job. If you have a criminal record, getting a job is very hard. Job applications are not supposed to ask if you are a convicted felon, but applications still ask that. Key issues for ex-cons; Job readiness, job awareness, be able to take care of their family provide a stable home life. Invite Habitat to attend the future meetings. Consistency with job. Still background checks.

Stand by Me by update: Tax Season free tax site: www.myfreetaxes.de, free service. Coaches at Del Tech site, help enroll in school/college helping with application. Sussex coaches are at Habitat, helping with home ownership. Coach at La Esperanza. Sussex County Community Development will host a home owner expo in September, helping families get information on obtaining home ownership. Stand by Me is not a crisis management organization. Match up and refer, with Department of Labor job centers. Fresh Start program is no longer available.

Ida, Jere, Dorian, brief update Community Partner Support Unit. Connect with new organizations, giving partner access to online screening tool, applying for social services. Connect partner with each other, special project units. Social workers in a couple of Sussex County libraries are available to talk to the community. Address the issues of Job training and transportation to job sites. Cheryl would like to have Dupree at Sussex Success monthly to provide the committee with ongoing updates. Dorian will send SCHC the library schedule (when and where), SCHC to share. What are plans to expand to Georgetown, Milton other areas in Sussex county.

Thank you to Michelle Johnson for keeping partners in the know.

Partner Updates:

Ella Collins, 3/22, Stakeholders Meeting, 1:00 pm.

Patricia Clear, just hired part-time bi-lingual coordinator, Johana Thomas.

Michelle Johnson, tax preparation M-F, 9 to 5:15 pm, income guidelines to qualify. Community quarterly meeting, 3/8, Money school, pre-register on Event Bright, taking control of financial freedom, 6-8 pm, dinner served. April 17th, self-diabetes class, 9:30 – noon, through May 22nd.

Partnership, SCHC, First State, University of Delaware, Telamon, family friendly cooking classes for at risk families. Holly Johnson will help spread the word to fill the slots. Planning meeting, Thursday, March 1st.

March 7th Meet the Funder, Longwood Foundation, 1-3 pm, one person per organization. Pre-register.

Ramona Pickett, every other person she is testing is Hep C Positive and not in treatment. The hepatitis C virus can survive outside of the body for up to 3 weeks. However, it can only do so at room temperature on clinical or household surfaces, such as a drawer handle or sink. Hepatitis C can live in syringes for up to 63 days. It can live up to 21 days in water in a plastic bottle. Transmitted by blood contact. Although the virus can live outside of the body, cleaning up any blood that has been spilled (wearing gloves and dilute with alcohol) and avoiding sharing personal items, such as razors, should prevent infection.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting, March 26, 10:30 am to noon, Shipley State Service Center in Seaford.

Save the Date:

SCHC Quarterly Meeting – preregistration required

April 19, 2018 - 8:30 am to 11:00 am

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