

CAC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2017

CSD Conference Room – 1:00 PM

Present: Lynn Davis-CAC, Monica Grant-FCG Citizen's Services, Chief Ed Hargis-Frederick Police Dept., Cheryl Grau-Frederick County Dept. of Social Services, Leah Johnson-Friends of the CAC, Cindy Miller-Friends of the CAC, Katherine Murray-Frederick Memorial Hospital, Nikki Bamonti-City of Frederick, and Athena Edsall-CAC

I. Welcome and Sign In

II. Approval of July's meeting minutes to occur via email

III. Director's Report

- a. Lynn reported that the number of clients served at the CAC is trending upward. She attributed this to increased partnership among community agencies and their willingness to bring more cases into the CAC. She pointed out that Kirsten Dunn is doing a lot more courtesy interviews for law enforcement.
- b. Lynn reported that the CAC is well staffed which enables families to receive more comprehensive services.
- c. Lynn reported that the Governor's Office on Crime Control and Prevention is very interested in her ACEs presentations and that funding is being provided for CAC accreditations and ACEs awareness through VOCA grants.
- d. Lynn reported that she is considering asking for funding for a part time position that will coordinate ACEs outreach within the juvenile justice system. She would like to see education and awareness for: judges, diversion programs, treatment programs, probation officers, and law enforcement.
- e. Lynn discussed possibly developing a screening process for juvenile services to assess a child's ACEs.
- f. Lynn reported that the CAC and Friends of the CAC's mentoring initiative, 'You've Got a Friend Program' has had a great response from people wanting to volunteer. In this program, two mentors will be assigned to selected CAC clients, with goals of building life skills with transition-aged youth/young adults to help them meet the challenges of adulthood. Other mentees include under-resourced parents desiring help with meeting the challenges of difficult life circumstances. Thus far, two groups of potential mentors have been trained, background checks completed, and mentor/mentee partnerships are being formed.
- g. Lynn reported that she is part of a small leadership team exploring opportunities with a geospatial engineering firm that leverages big data, geography and social science to develop a tool that would allow decision makers in Frederick County to review potential impacts of prevention/early intervention decisions using local data. A dashboard will be created that will allow users, informed by local data, to look at the return on investment for a variety of efforts over both short and long term timelines.

IV. New Business

- a. Lynn explained that Laura Wilt and Lindsey Carpenter approached the CAC about creating a Diversion Program for sexually reactive children who have offended against other children. This program has had low recidivism rates in other cities.
- b. Lynn talked about the CAC's partnership with DSS and FCPS in organizing the 2nd Annual Frederick C.A.R.E.S. Symposium (on 10/20/17). It will bring together local and national guests from a variety of disciplines to learn new methodologies, discuss strategies and issues, and craft solutions to improve the quality of service to the community. Participants learn

about “invisible children” and how the public school system recognizes and responds to trauma.