

Members Present: Jamezetta Bedford, Bob Crayton, Adrian Daye, Benita Purcell, Emila Sutton, Ric Bruton, Debbie Cunningham

Members Absent: Jeannie King, Layton Long

Staff Present: King Jones, Reina Merino, Tim Simmons

Guests: None

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:06 P.M.

2. Opening Remarks

King Jones began with introductions and background.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

January Minutes to be approved at the next meeting.

4. Officers

Discussion regarding electing officers or waiting until next meeting. There is also a secretary position to think about who to vote for. Bob made a motion to push back the voting of officers until the next meeting. Jamezetta seconded the motion. All in favor. Next meeting scheduled for July 27, 2020. Jamezetta made a motion to post-pone the next meeting until August 24, 2020. Emila seconded the motion. All in favor. Hopefully next meeting will be at the Chapel Hill Cardinal Innovations office.

5. Q4 Regional Executive Updates

A. COVID-19 Updates

Jamezetta for Orange County- a provider for mental health has provided cell phones for their members and are delivering food. DSS is working with the non-profits and residents that now need to apply for SNAP benefits, housing, and unemployment. Working with farmers in the county to connect them to suppliers. As of today there are 13 deaths a number of them are in nursing

homes. Releasing funds to the non-profits early for the 4th quarter. Starting budget work early and anticipating a huge drop in revenues. Trying to keep people safe.

Emila- Have staff for a Housing Helpline and this a phone number for people that are experiencing a housing crisis can call and talk to someone to help with what resources they might need to help stabilize their housing. The towns and the county have worked together to align a pool of funding that will provide one-time emergency funding to people who are in need, who are experiencing homelessness, who are experiencing a housing crisis. Seeing a large increase of number of requests coming through. Also working on formalizing an eviction prevention program. Working on a way to best utilize all the waivers that HUD and the federal government has come out with.

Adrian- Alamance DSS is closed to the public. Doing work virtually through email and zoom. Have seen a tremendous increase in application for food and nutrition services as well as Medicaid.

Child Welfare and Adult Services workers are continuing to do their work in the field. Still doing home visits and visiting facilities when necessary. Using PPE and following CDC guidelines.

Business as usual just looks a little different than normal.

Central Region CFAC meeting virtually on May 5th, 2020 from 5:30-7:30pm. Community organizations are stepping up and figuring out what the needs are and helping out any way possible.

Debbie- Cone Health

Most of the outpatient intervention has gone to virtual platforms. State gave permission to redeploy some of the inpatient beds for outpatient purposes that have been set up as a Behavioral Health Urgent Care and also beds for adults, children and adolescents on the Behavioral Care Campus has been very successful at keeping folks out to the ED. There is also a facility that was vacated on February 23, the old women's hospital. The old facility was turned into a COVID positive hospital.

B. **ASK Launch

**ASK is a 911 for mental health emergency. You get connected to a mental health clinician in the midst of a crisis that will walk you through the crisis and hopefully prevent having to visit the ED.

C. COVID-19 Relief Funds

Board approved 1 million dollars to go out to community organizations in grants of 20 thousand dollars to help those affected negatively by COVID-19. Application deadline was April 19th. Still reviewing applicants. On Friday the 1st set of awardee's were announced. Central region awardees were Chapel Hill Carrboro Public Schools and Orange County Criminal Justice Department. Will continue announce more awardees. Trying to make sure that all organizations in all counties receive help.

State is working with FEMA on the HOPEA4NC Hotline (855) 581-3463 a Behavioral Health support line. Anyone in North Carolina can call and get connected, they will also receive a follow-up call if needed. Care Coordinators are conducting the follow-up calls. 211 is also receiving a lot of calls for resources. They are receiving up to 150 calls a day statewide with regards to problems with evictions. Mecklenburg has special resources funds that people can fill out forms online.

D. County Advisory Councils Update

This is a county level group. The CAC will feed in information to the Regional Health Councils about what is needed in their counties. The CAC will be utilizing the Regional Health Improvement Plan on ways to achieve the goals at a county level. COVID-19 has delayed things as groups currently focusing on COVID-19. Orange County has applicants that need to go in front of the Board and following up with Travis. Other counties Alamance, Person, Caswell and Chatham has some existing groups that are similarly organized and in their purpose as well. COVID-19 is a primary right now to help communities.

Chatham Health Alliance

Healthy Alamance

Healthy Personians

Caswell Alliance

6. Regional Health Improvement Plan

Regional Health Improvement Plan was discussed in January meeting. The Regional Health Improvement Plan is what is going to drive what the Regional Health Councils, County Advisory Council as far as dealing with some of the major needs in the community. King to send some examples on plans for members to review between now and the August meeting.

7. Open Discussion

Would be helpful that some of the documents and agenda be shared for the Board of Directors meetings. They are very much focused on the pandemic. We need to start thing about the recovery as well as the behavioral challenges for youth when they return back to school. Talking openly about the behavioral health needs will be after the pandemic. Discuss and prepare for getting back to normal. How are the folks that are on the waiver and registry of unmet needs are being followed up on? King to follow-up and get back to the group with details.

8. Adjournment

Jamezetta made a motion to adjourn. Adrian seconded the motion. All in favor

Meeting Adjourned at 12:59PM

Next Meeting will be August 24, 2020