



Name:		Consumer Family Advisory Committee Meeting						
Date:		4-12-2021						
Time:		6:00 pm to 8:00 pm						
Meeting Place:		Zoom						
COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE		P= Present ; E=Excused Absence; A= Absent						
Burke I/DD	Linda McCrary <i>Sec'ty, Board</i>	P	Gaston I/DD	Rachael Sutton	P	Rutherford I/DD	-	
Burke MH			Gaston MH	Jan Morgan	E	Rutherford MH	Diane Krisanda	P
Burke SU	Erica Hollar	E	Gaston SU	Ben Coggins, V <i>Chair</i>	E	Rutherford SU	Debbie Hamrick	P
Catawba I/DD	Lisa Carroll	P	Iredell I/DD	Gayle Mitchell	P	Surry I/DD	Mark Fuhrmann	P
Catawba MH	Donna Hollar	E	Iredell MH	Mike Hoffman <i>Board</i>	P	Surry MH	-	
Catawba SU	Michael Lennon	P	Iredell SU			Surry SU	Charlotte Reeves	P
Cleveland I/DD	Donnie Thurman	E	Lincoln I/DD	Ginny Hall, <i>Chair</i>	P	Yadkin I/DD	Amie Brendle	P
Cleveland MH			Lincoln MH	Kristie Robertson	E	Yadkin MH	-	
Cleveland SU	Patty Schaeffer	P	Lincoln SU	-		Yadkin SU	Elisa Bryant	P
Partners Staff in Attendance		Shirley Moore, Allison Crotty						
DHHS Staff in Attendance		Stacey Harward/CEET						
Guests:		Ray Hemachandra, Parent Mark Fuhrmann Charlotte Reeves						
Call to Order		Ginny called the meeting to order at 6:05						
Minutes		Diane Krisanda moved that the minutes from the March meeting be approved. Mike Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried.						
Report from State		Stacey Harward reported that the CEET report was sent earlier by Suzanne Thompson. She reported that approval was given by the Secretary for Union and Cabarrus counties to join Partners. State CFAC meets Wednesday. Please join for the parts you have interest. State-Local call will be at 6pm on the 4 th Wednesday, April 28.						
Standing Reports								
<i>Cross Function Team:</i>		Ginny Hall and Amie Brendle reported that the committee met Monday April 5, 2021. There are no RFIs or RFPs in process right now. Ginny said that Needs Assessment surveys have not been turned in as needed, so the deadline was extended.						

<p><i>Partners Board Meeting:</i></p>	<p>Linda McCrary reported that Partners Board of Directors met March 18, 2021 via Zoom. The board approved the Finance Committee recommendation for budget revision #7 and approval for the CLA Audit proposal. The Provider Network report was given by Alicia Emmons. CEO, Rhett Melton, reminded the board of the priorities before the legislature during its long session: 1. Equity pay for direct support professional; 2. Relief for individuals on the Registry of Unmet Needs (IDD wait list); 3. Restoration of the state IPRS funding that the system has lost of the last several years; and 4. A smooth transition in the roll out of Standard and Tailored Plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tailored Plan response to the RFA is expected on June 11, 2021. • Standard Plan enrollment is underway with Partners assisting members in navigating the process. Partners will be the operator of one of the Standard Plan operator’s behavioral health crises lines. • Covid-19 trends are improving, with all but 1 of 53 positive cases having recovered. 25% of staff have been at least partially vaccinated. Discussion ensued regarding people who are eligible to receive, but decline being vaccinated. • Success was reported on all 8 strategic plan goals, with greater success than expected on key goals. Details will be provided at the April meeting. • The NC Foster Care RFP has been postponed a year by the state until July 1, 2023. <p>County commissioners provided county updates. The board went into closed session with no action taken by the board. The committee will meet again on April 15, 2021.</p>
<p>Guest Speaker</p>	<p>Ray Hemachandra, autism, intellectual disability, and neurodiversity advocate and trainer, spoke on Autism Acceptance. His son is autistic with IDD and other diagnoses and is on the Innovations Waiver.</p> <p>Ray expressed his feelings of the importance of autism acceptance for the following reasons:</p> <p>10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT AUTISM ACCEPTANCE.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Autism Awareness needs to change to Autism Acceptance. It changes the conversation from negative to positive. 2. Listen to Autistic People. Seek them out and follow leading voices. They can be followed on social media. Listen to individual stories. 3. Person-First or Identity-First Language. Most Autism experts and parents use Person-First. The Identity-First language is preferred

	<p>by those who have autism.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Autism as Identity. Everyone gets to choose for themselves how they wish to be identified. 5. Goals or supports? Agency - Need to have Agency help in choosing goals and supports. Independence isn't necessarily the best goal. Happiness is. 6. Don't focus on Differences between Autistic People. 7. Make the World – Your World- Autism-Friendly 8. Stop Reward-Punishing Autistic People 9. Trigger Warning: Autism Speaks/ Autism Behavior Analysis Hate the puzzle piece. 10. Nothing About Us Without Us. Be sure they have a seat at the table when decisions are being made. <p>His website is www.RayHemachandra.com His email is rayhechandra@gmail.com</p> <p>Amie shared the following to access Ray's story that she referenced Women and Men and Autism: Love and Bathrooms...RayHemachandra@Golden Moon Circles.</p>
<p>Zoom process</p>	<p>Allison Crotty, Member Engagement Director spoke on the new Zoom process.</p> <p>The new Zoom process has some glitches. The Zoom link has to be designed to allow it to be posted as a public meeting. People have to register to attend. They will attempt to simplify the process to keep members from having to register each time.</p> <p>She reminded CFAC that Nancy Nestor from Autism Society will speak at the Member Café on April 13.</p> <p>She reported that the county transition with Union and Cabarrus counties will occur September 1. Stanley county has not been approved by the Secretary of NC DHHS. A Forsythe merger would not occur until January. For the merger transition certain conditions must be met: 1. Realignment committee will have members from CFAC as well as the Provider Council. Regular calls and planning will take place to make the transition as seamless as possible for members and providers. It is important to be sure it is not confused with the start of Standard Plan. Our committee needs to start conversations with other county CFACs about new structure. 500 members are using the Pyx Health App. They</p>

	<p>are finding people are lonely and using coloring book and accessing Compassionate Care team at Partners has been helpful. The Pyx Health App is a self-management tool that helps members between appointments.</p> <p>Lisa Carroll asked about the wait list position when new counties are added. She wonders if the rank on the wait list would change if the new counties per capita status is below that of the legacy counties. She is concerned that new counties might get slots that would have gone to legacy county members without the merger.</p> <p>Allison stated that the waiting lists worked out well when Rutherford came on and it will be a fair process. The question will be added to the FAQ on the County Realignment page of the Partners’ website.</p> <p>Lisa also questioned whether the Innovations Waiver updates webinar Partners held and recorded would be added to Partners website as promised. Allison responded that it will be loaded on the website soon.</p>
Willingness to Serve as Officer	Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Vice Secretary offices need to be filled for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Members were asked to please report their willingness to serve to Shirley
Legislative Day	Will be virtual again this year. State CFAC will send out talking points for Legislative Day, May 5, 10am-12pm. Benita Purcell is now chair of the legislative committee and the talking points will be sent out after the SCFAC meeting on Wednesday, 04/14/2021.
New Members	At the recommendation of the executive committee and vote by the full CFAC committee, Mark Fuhrmann, IDD, Surry County, and Charlotte Reeves, SU, Surry County, were added to the CFAC membership.
CFAC Sub-committees updates	
<i>Executive Committee</i>	<p>Closed Meeting: The executive committee interviewed Mark Fuhrmann, IDD, Surry County, and Charlotte Reeves, SU, Surry County. They agreed to recommend them both for membership.</p> <p>The committee discussed the future of CFAC meetings. The discussion included the importance of all members staying connected as a group to encourage and support their actions as one committee. As Partners grows, it was recommended that members consider continuing 7-8 meetings via Zoom to allow full attendance and participation and opt to have the full committee meet 2-3 times a year, in person, on selected</p>

	<p>Saturdays. Ginny asked that the committee be thinking about this option as a possible way to stay connected</p> <p>Patty asked if there would be a budget for CFAC for new members to be cross trained as new counties are added. Shirley assured the group that there would be opportunity for training. The budget is set up for a full CFAC.</p> <p>CFAC needs to be thinking and offering suggestions re: restructuring as we welcome new counties, Cabarrus and Union.</p>
<i>Marketing Committee</i>	Did not meet
<i>Community Involvement Comm</i>	Did not meet
<i>Strategic Committee</i>	<p>Gayle reported that there were 2 meetings. The first was to analyze the plan of where we are with our goals. Attendance at Collaboratives have improved. New members have agreed to attend their local collaborative in Surry County. There is another individual from Iredell that has expressed an interest in joining our CFAC. She will be applying. Opportunities for improvement were discussed. The committee is waiting for several documents to be vetted by Marketing. The committee also plans to have future conversation to plan a Legislative Event hosted by CFAC. The committee was encouraged to participate in Legislative Day if their schedules permit.</p>
Other:	
Public Comments	<p>Diane is a part of the NAMI Smart initiative which offers training on speaking with Legislators to include the following modules....Module 1. Tell your story. Module 2. Emails and phone calls. Module 3. Meeting your legislators. Training is free of charge and is usually on a Saturday. She is offering to do it and asked that we think about it.</p> <p>Shirley reported that Donna Holler is in the hospital in Winston-Salem again and asked that we keep her in our thoughts.</p>
Current Vacancies	<p>Substance Use Disorder: Lincoln, Iredell Mental Health: Burke, Cleveland, Yadkin, Surry Intellectual Developmental Disabilities: Rutherford</p>
Nominating Committee	Rachel Sutton, Amie Brendle, Gayle Mitchell have agreed to serve on the nominating committee. Ginny is still waiting to hear from two members.
<i>Ongoing discussion of recruitment strategies</i>	
Adjournment	Diane moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mike seconded the motion. The vote carried.



Next Meeting	May 10, 2021
Respectfully Submitted By	Linda McCrary, Secretary