



Southern Bluegrass
November 3, 2017
11:30am-1:00pm
Meeting Summary

Meeting Attendees- Brian Dufresne, Lisa Gabbard, Robert “Nimbo” Hammons, Carla Jordan (Chair), Ian “Nick” Marks, Sabina Massey, Verne Webb, Rachael Ratliff, LaToya Vaughn and Lydia Whitman.

Absent Panel Members- Larry Johnson, Jennifer Brown, and Laura Kinney

Introduction of Members

Members introduced themselves. Members welcomed new UK Employee Lydia Whitman to the group.

During this fiscal year the Southern Bluegrass CRP will focus on two areas

Work Focus #1: Educate community about services & resources that aid in decrease of abuse and neglect (Promote DCBS in healthy manner)

1. Conversation on Collaboration.
2. Opioid Addiction – Narcan Training
3. Handle with Care Pilot Project

Work Focus #2: Increase employee morale and retention rates

1. Provide educational activities on self-care (mindfulness)
2. DCBS Employee Recognitions

Upcoming Projects

Handle with Care.

- Carla, Verne and Sabina will spearhead a Handle with Care Pilot Program for the Fayette County School District at the Bryan Station High School.
- “Handle with Care” provides the school with a “heads up” when a child has been identified by law enforcement at the scene of a traumatic event.
- Verne will contact Andrea Darr (WV Center for Children’s Justice, 304-766-5898, Andrea.L.Darr@wvsp.gov) to gather additional information on Handle with Care. Verne will forward the description, objectives and data collection information to Sabina Massey. Sabina will then share information with administrators at Bryan Station School in efforts to begin a Handle with Care Pilot Program at Bryan Station High School. Sabina mentioned that a similar program currently exists directed towards

students affected by domestic violence. Therefore, this would be a welcomed addition addressing the needs of the students through the newly opened "Family Care Center."

Narcan Training

- The Southern Bluegrass CRP will host a Narcan Training. Other Child Welfare Providers and the public will be invited to attend. The Southern Bluegrass CRP will partner with the Substance Abuse and Violence Intervention SAVI Office, Amy to schedule a substance abuse training for the community. **Update: Training is scheduled for December 6, 2017 from 11:30-1:00pm. Location to be determined.**

Annual Conversation on Collaboration

- Conversation on Collaboration will take place on April 27, 2017 @ Fayette County Extension Office from 8:30-12:00.
- Panel Members are asked to help identify a speaker. Thus far, Jeff Wilson, Paul Dalton, Sherryl Roberts, and Amber Lambert should be considered.
- The Topic for this upcoming year is on issues surrounding Opioid Addiction and Treatment.
- Latoya will send the Invitations and Save the Date Cards.
- CHFS Worker Recognition: Only five workers will be recognized this year at the event.
- Sabina mentioned that Bryan Station recently opened the Family Care Center. Mental Health and other wrap around services are currently being provided to the entire family from that office. Sabina will highlight the Family Care Center at the Conversation on Collaboration.

Work Focus Area 2: Increase Employee Morale and Retention

- Provide educational material on mindfulness.
- Sabina Massey provided information on mindfulness. Sabina also created a Southern Bluegrass CRP YouTube Account in which this information will be shared. Conversation
- Carla discussed the possibility of creating an electronic newsletter in which this information will also be shared and distributed accordingly.

Action Items:

- Panel members were asked to solicit donations for monthly employee recognitions. Members should secure items such as office supplies, gift cards for food, gas, movies and other non-cash items. Carla will draft a general solicitation letter. Gift cards should not exceed \$10.00.

- Verne or Sabina will follow up with Adrea Darr to get details from Handle with Care Project. Sabina will follow up with Administration at Bryan Station and District Law Enforcement.
- Carla and Larry Johnson will work with the SAVI Office and Amy Baker with Lexington Fayette County Government to coordinate a substance abuse training for the community. Training has been scheduled for December 6, 2017 from 11:30am-1:00pm. **Location TBD. Awaiting approval from Bryan Station High School. Alternate location with be Lexington Public Library.**
- Panel Members were asked to help identify speakers for the Annual Conversation on Collaboration.

Next Meeting December 6, 2017, at the Narcan Training. Location to be announced.