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Louisa County Interagency Council
Virginia Cooperative Extension Meeting Room
September 11, 2014
9:30am

MINUTES

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:35am by Sara Pennington, Chair of the LIAC.

Introductions

Individuals introduced themselves. Those in attendance include:
Karen Davis (JAUNT and JAUNT Friends), Lisa Rengers (DHS/Re-entry Council), Robin Hoover (Shelter for Help in Emergency), April Carman (Open Knowledge Collaborative), Amy Loveless & Melissa Woolridge (Jefferson Area CHIP), Jeannette Abernathy-Manning (Commission on Aging), Lin Kogle (Faith in Action), Carolyn Nicholson (Face the World), Tracey Richardson (MACAA), Kathryn Whitestone (TJHD Health Dept.), Rebecca Bullock (CVHS Health & Wellness Cntr of Louisa), Joy Dickens (RuraLove & Goshen Baptist Assoc.), Paul Yates (Louisa Co NAACP, LCRC, Chamber), Willie Gentry (BOS), Heather Boe (Piedmont CASA), Stephanie Koren (LCBS-MD), Becky Peterson (LCRC), Tracey Johnson (ACE), Sara Pennington (RideShare), Lola Richardson (TJACE), Whitney Deane.

Presentation

Carolyn Nicholson, Community Representative, Face the World (FTW)

Face the World is a non-profit high school exchange program for high school students. Carolyn serves a 120 mile radius program area that includes much of central VA. The program is designated and regulated by the U.S. Department of State. The DOS grants student visas to the exchange students (not FTW). Face the World is recruiting host families for exchange students.

Requirements of host families

- Volunteers (not a paid position), though there is a tax deduction (\$50/mo)
- Financially capable to host student
- Separate bedroom (or can share with other sibling but must be same gender and within 5 years of age) which must have safe egress and include storage for clothing and personal items
- Study space
- Host family can be couple or single parent
- The host family is responsible for providing three meals a day, transportation to school, and lodging. Students cover their own airfare and bring their own money for other needs

About the students

- Ages 15-18 years old and come from all over the world
- Different lengths of stay are possible: August to June, a full calendar year starting in January, or a shorter 5 month stay
- Cannot visit their home country during their stay in the USA
- Must take the ESL (English as a Second Language) exam as part of the application process, but students arrive with different levels of English capability (written, spoken, understood).

Monitoring

Monitoring of students and host families is conducted by FTW's Community Representative. This includes over-the-phone and in-person communication with the student, host family, and student's school. In the first two months, there are weekly check-ins. At minimum, check-ins will take place once per month throughout the student's stay.

Announcements

Sara Pennington & Lisa Ringers

The Fluvanna/Louisa Housing Foundation – press release. The Foundation is opening up the wait list for housing vouchers. October 7, 2014 from 1 to 4pm, by computer only. Applicants should have some of their personal financial information with them, but exact details of what is needed is unknown.

Subcommittee Updates

BOS Communication Subcommittee - Karen Davis

Discussions have begun to organize another BOS-LIAC dinner this fall. Last fall a small dinner was held and organizations set up information tables. The dinner took place immediately prior regularly scheduled BOS meeting. This year the subcommittee is considering the evening of November 17th before regular board meeting. Discussions about what food to serve have also started - pizza is being considered.

Willy Gentry added a comment that the presentations by organizations during the BOS meetings has been very helpful. Whitney and Sara confirmed that the 2014 sign-up calendar for this is full, but they expect the opportunity will exist again in 2015.

Regarding the BOS-LIAC dinner, Karen asked for suggestions, feedback, questions...

- Someone asked about updating the notebooks given to the BOS last year. Willy Gentry confirmed that the BOS still have their notebooks. It was discussed that the notebooks could be updated if organizations had updates to the one-page fact sheets. Whitney or Sara will email the one-page fact sheet template for updates and additions and then these updates/additions will be added to the existing notebooks.

- It was suggested that the LIAC needs to encourage BOS members to move around the room, table to table, so that the BOS become more familiar with more organizations. Willy Genry encourages LIAC members to approach BOS members and engage them.
- Suggestion to have name tags at the dinner.
- Someone asked if the event is just for non-profit organizations. The answer – no, the dinner and information sharing event is open for anyone providing services who attends LIAC.

Please contact Karen Davis with additional feedback, questions, suggestions...

Email: karend@ridejaunt.org

“Faith in Action” Subcommittee (Communication with faith-based organizations) – Lin Kogle

There will be a mini-gathering on Monday, Sept 22 from 9:00am to 11:30am at the Louisa County Admin Building in the conference room.

Three primary ideas/topics will be discussed in small groups:

1. Community thrift store to replace what MACAA used to provide
2. Community-wide emergency fund, organized and supported by multiple churches, with monies distributed through one central fund
3. Community web presence and communication

Public Schools Communication Subcommittee –

No update

Agency Updates

Shelter for Help in Emergency (SHE) – Robin Hoover

- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Event to honor the lives of those lost to domestic violence. Monday 10/6 at 7:00pm at Lee Park.
- Brown bag lunch series. Every Wednesday in October from 12-1pm. Different speakers and topics for each session.
- 5k race on downtown mall. Saturday, November 1st. SHE is recruiting volunteers to help organize as well as walkers and joggers.

Robin will send fliers, materials to Whitney for distribution. Contact Robin Hoover to get involved or for more information.

Email: rhoover@shelterforhelpinemergency.org

Re-Entry Council/VIEW/DHS – Lisa Rengers

- More community members/clients have been calling and participating
- The program has a strong partnership with the other localities

- They are showing support for the James River Work Center which has a program for former inmates which includes training them to be horse groomers at the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation

TJACE – Lola Richardson

- Alternative education center with Louisa public schools
- Currently starting GED prep-course with 13 adults
- Open Tuesday and Thursday morning 9am-12noon and 530pm to 830pm.
- No classes at Nuchols due to low enrollment numbers
- On Mondays the office is open from 9am-12noon for Q&A
- Official exam is administered on Wednesday evenings, some Fridays, and Saturdays

For more information: www.adultslearn.org

Adult Community Education (ACE) - Tracey Johnson

- Additional tutoring is available at ACE for those in the GED program with TJACE

Adult Community Education (ACE) – Becky Johnson

- Organizes evening sessions for adults who want to practice English (English as a second language)
- The program is unable to provide childcare.
- At St Jude's on Tuesdays 6-8pm

For more information, please contact #540-867-5660, www.ancelouisa.com

TJ/PD 10 Health District – Katherine Whitestone

- The first Move2Health campaign exceeded the goal (miles)
- The next Move2Health Campaign launches tomorrow, Friday, Sept 12th
- Community members can form teams and log fruits and veggies on website
- Goals include logging 1 million fruits/veggies consumed as well as raising awareness about healthy eating. Staff or clients can form teams

Look for additional resources on the website: www.move2healthcentralva.org

NAACP – Paul Yates

- Annual freedom fund banquet will take place at the Best Western on Oct 3rd at 630pm
- Sheila Bell is the guest speaker.

CHIP – Amy Lovelace

- The annual Imagine Awards to honor CHIP families that have overcome significant hurdles will take place on Tuesday, Oct 7th
- A Louisa resident will be an award recipient this year.

See stories of past award recipients on CHIP's website:

<http://www.jachip.org/2014-imagine-awards>

Health & Wellness Center of Louisa (CVHS) – Rebecca Bullock

- On Sept 23rd the center will host voter registration assistance
- Open enrollment for the health insurance market place will start Nov 15th
- Additionally, an open enrollment period starts with any life event changes
- If assistance is needed to file an exemption the center can help

Louisa County Resource Council – Becky Peterson

- The gap program at LCRC started in August and is gaining clients as the word continues to spread about the program
- Applications are accepted every month from the 15th to the 22nd of the month

JAUNT Friends – Karen Davis

- JAUNT Friends is participating with the Kroger Cares program. Shoppers can link their Kroger card to JAUNT Friends so that JAUNT Friends receives the benefits.
- The Belk Charity Day Sale that benefits JAUNT Friends will take place Saturday, November 8th. Buy tickets from JAUNT for \$5. Special entry 6am to 10am. Discounts plus get the \$5 off your purchases. Additionally gift certificates are given out at the door for early shoppers

Closing

Willy Gentry thanked participants for attending the LIAC meeting and thanked everyone for “what you do for Louisa County.”

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am