

*Caswell System of Care
Community Collaborative*

March 5, 2008

The Caswell System of Care Community Collaborative met for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Mental Health Center in Yanceyville, North Carolina.

ATTENDANCE

Connie Windham - ACR LME SOC
Sandra Hudspeth - Partnership for Children
Racquel Hughes - Caswell County DSS
Michael Adkins - Caswell County Sheriff's Office
Nelson Showalter - Caswell County Schools
Brian Matlock - Eckerd Youth Alternatives
David Carter-DJJDP

WELCOME

Connie Windham called the meeting to order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

- Michael announced that "Retro Bill", the official D.A.R.E Safety Buddy will be featured at the D.A.R.E. Self-Esteem/Family Show scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 6:30 pm at Dillard Middle School. He also noted that Caswell Farm Bureau is sponsoring a spaghetti supper on March 14 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, with proceeds going toward the purchase of refreshments following the D.A.R.E. show on April 15.
- Sandra stated that the Partnership is continuing to accept applications for the "Decision Making Skills Enhancement Program" scheduled for March and April. They are accepting referrals of any at-risk youth, grades 6th, 7th or 8th.
- Sandra announced that a Gang & Drug Awareness Forum is being planned tentatively for April 7th and 10th. There will be two sessions - an afternoon session for teachers and an evening session. Both sessions will be held at Bartlett Yancey High School. More information will be forthcoming.
- Racquel announced that a class for Foster Parents is scheduled for March 17th at 6:30 pm at the Senior Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the February 2008 meeting were distributed for review by email. There were no corrections or additions noted to the minutes. **Action: Mike Adkins motioned to approve the minutes as written. Sandra Hudspeth seconded. Motion approved.**

LME REPORT - Connie Windham

- The LME recently distributed a "Community Wellness" newsletter in local newspapers as an insert. The newsletter did not go out this quarter in the Caswell Messenger but is scheduled to be included next quarter. A small team from the LME will begin meeting with groups in all three counties to increase awareness of available services.
- The Raleigh News & Observer recently published a series of articles regarding the disarray of mental health services across the state. Governor Easley held a press conference on March 4 to discuss recent and forthcoming changes, including the resignation of Mike Moseley, Division Director, and the appointment of Co-Division Directors, Dr. Mike Lancaster and Ms. Leza Wainwright.
- The LME is developing a tri-county committee to look at crisis services. Stakeholders will also be asked to participate. More information is forthcoming as well as information to be posted on the LME website.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- The Resource Committee continues to gather information for the Resource Directory. Cathy is working on draft pages for the directory. Target date for completion is June 30, 2008.
- Two Care Reviews were held in February. Both requested out-of-home placement. Connie noted good discussion and input from participants.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The Caswell System of Care Community Collaborative will meet on April 2, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Mental Health Center in Yanceyville, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Moore – SOC Logistics