



**Community Collaborative Annual Planning Meeting
February 14, 2018
TCRD Special Programs Building**



Present: Justin Felts, Filiberto Hernandez, Dave Hetzel, Darcie Norton, Staci Griffin, Lisa Daughtrey, Joyce DeBerry, Akeria Lockett, Olga White, Dina Willis, Jana Barfield, Sandi Newman, Jessie VanDeVelde, Alexia Tanner, Sharon Paris, Craig Sowell, Kelly Bedore, Erica Murphy, Suzanne Smith, Dr. Jewrell Rivers, Laura Starnes, Amanda Mohammed, Emily Rountree, Debby Mullis and Lillie McEntyre.

Staci Griffin, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She also informed the group that the community calendars were being passed around the room for updates.

Minutes from the January 10, 2018 meeting were presented and Dave Hetzel made the motion to accept and Lisa Daughtrey offered a second and all were in favor.

Lillie reminded everyone of Community Care Day on Saturday, March 10 and turned the floor over to Craig Sowell to give more information on the event. He shared the details of the event and encouraged everyone to share information on the event with others. He also informed the group that there were still open spots for vendors and there is a real need for hearing (aid) and prosthetics vendors.

Lillie led the group through each section of the annual plan document that included the input from the February community meeting along with the input on programs and activities that the Healthy, Safe and Productive Lifestyles Strategy Team had reviewed and recommended. Time for discussion was allowed on each section. Staci made a motion to accept the plan as presented and Suzanne offered a second with all in favor. Lillie shared that she will present plan to Georgia Family Connection reviewers on Friday, March 2nd. She also shared that the budget part of the plan is presented to the TCCCY Board of Trustees and voted on by them.

Community Updates:

Filiberto Hernandez, Lion's Club—Salvation Army delivered a bag eyeglasses and cases to the Lions Club. Tift Regional has bought Dr. Wagenhorst's Vision clinic and he will see about having the regular Lions Club Vision Clinic at his site. In the meantime people needing glasses will be referred to the Lions State Lighthouse for help. Lion's Club is organizing fun event for children and youth on April 5-6 during spring break. Will be held at Bellview Center.

Dina Willis, Tifton-Tift County Library—they have new program that would allow everyone to download books and magazines free of charge. Will need a library card, to download the app and set up a password.

Darcie Norton CASA—they have a new training coming up. The number of CASA volunteers is up but the need is even greater due to the increased number of Foster Children. She introduced Jana Barfield as their newest staff member.

Sandi Newman, Society of St Andrew—shared program information and the need for volunteers.

Sharon Paris, DFCS Kinship Navigator—the navigators help relatives and others who are fostering children get resources they need.

Akeria Lockett—shared information for Roxie Price with UGA. Roxie is doing taxes for free with no age limit. She also mentioned project for spring break.

Alexia Tanner and Jessie VanDeVelde, Wholistic Therapeutic Services—shared information on their wide range of services and programs.

Lisa Daughtrey, Tift County Schools—Kindergarten registration coming up soon. Pre K Registration complete. Has been lots of sickness in the school system.

Justin Felts, ABAC Student—is Ag Ed major and is looking for summer internship.

Kelly Bedore, Salvation Army—introduced herself as new local director. Susie will be over 5 areas now.

They are collecting clothes for the Back to School Bash, planning for local youth to attend summer camp in Jasper, GA, and working on Special Olympics. They are hosting Special Hearts event to help high school students, who are in need, select prom dress from the donations they have received. They need more volunteers and have opening for part-time store clerk. **Erica Murphy** accompanied her.

Craig Sowell, Tift Co Recreation Dept.—shared information on Older Americans Month in May. Baseball registration deadline is Friday.

Emily Rountree, Ruth's Cottage Patti Cake House—Alliance for Children Training Summit will be Friday, April 13 at Northside Baptist Church. SANE unit will be open soon. Working on creating an event at ABAC in regards to sexual violence. Sporting Clay Event will be in April.

Suzanne Smith, ABAC—Annual Suicide Fundraising Walk will be April 14 with proceeds going to American Society of Suicide Prevention. The fundraising goal is \$1500 and walkers, sponsors, and event helpers are needed.

Dr. Jewrell Rivers, ABAC—needs practicum and internship opportunities for students and speakers for classes. ABAC Homecoming is the first week in April. ABAC students **Laura Starnes and Amanda Mohammed** accompanied him.

Olga White, Telamon—serve 6 week- 5year old children of migrant families in Tift, Colquitt, Berrien and Cook counties.

Debby Mullis, Tiftarea House of Hope—need volunteers to help with The Bird's Nest Thrift Store.

Joyce DeBerry, Tift Co DFCS—representing DFCS so she can share information with DFCS director and workers.

Pizza Hut door prizes were won by Sandi Newman and Emily Rountree.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 11:00 at TCRD Special Programs Building. At this meeting we will present completed annual plan for approval.