



**OCTOBER COALITION MEETING**  
**Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County, Pickens, SC**  
**Monday, October 10, 2016**  
**5:30pm – 6:30pm**

**Welcome, Introductions**

Dr. Dovie Gamble, Co-Chair; Cathy Breazeale, Program Director & Other Org.; Chef Anthony, LE; Tate Brown, LE; Brooke Culclasure, Other Org.; Angela Farmer, Other Org.; Jessica Gibson, Other Org.; Kathryn Gravely, HC; Richard Hayes, Rel/Frat Org.; Victoria Hudson, Youth; Barbara Moss, Other Org.; Fiona Newell, Other Org.; Faye Nichols, Other Org.; Dale Ramey, Civ/Vol;

**Community Announcements**

- Merchant PREP (Palmetto Retailers Education Program): Cathy will be conducting a training Merchant PREP training at a business establishment “The Study Hall” on Monday, October 17, 2016 from 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM. This training is for anyone that works for an ON premise or OFF premise establishment that sells tobacco and alcohol. The owner will have all of his employees trained. A certification test will be administered to all participants. This test will allow each participant to be certified for two years.

**Coalition Business**

- Agenda
- Minutes were reviewed
- Budget Expenses were explained by Cathy Breazeale, Project Director.
- A motion was made that the minutes and the financial report be approved as written. Motion moved by Dale Ramey and second by Kathryn Gravely and all approved.

**Old Business:**

- AET (Alcohol Enforcement Team) banquet was held on September 7, 2016. It was hosted by Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County and it was a great success.
- SIUC magnets have been dispersed to all the administration, staff and parents of Pickens County middle and high schools students.
- Cathy has begun meeting with the SADD (Students against Destructive Decisions) Advisors. A meeting was held at Liberty High School with Misty Odell and a second one will be held with the other from Liberty High School last week and will be meeting with the SADD Advisors. The advisors will have an opportunity to rename the club from SADD.

**Recognitions:**

- Fiona Newell rose in as the Other Organizations Involved in Reducing Substance Abuse Sector Chair. Fiona is part of the Pickens County Youth Board. Fiona was instrumental in setting up the meeting at her school, Daniel High School.



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**Recruiting Sector Chairs:**

- Two vacancies (Health Care Sector and the Parent Sector) need to be filled. If there is anyone who is interested in serving as Chair of the Parent Sector or Health Care Sector please contact the Cathy, Project Director. Dr. Gamble will be e-mailing the current sector chairs to see if they know of anyone who may be interested in filling those positions.

**Meeting Format Change:**

The format for meetings is being changed in an effort to increase participation of all Coalition members. The current format is based on one meeting per month with all members being invited. However, these meetings are attended mostly by the Sector Chairs. The new format will include two types of meetings: Monthly Board of Director (BOD) Meetings and Quarterly Membership Meetings.

The goal of this change in format is to create an opportunity for members to be more involved with Coalition program activities and events; and to facilitate more interaction among Sector Chairs and the members of their sector. To this ends, it is also expected that Sector Chairs will work with their member on a more regular basis and keep them informed of upcoming activities and event; and encourage their participation.

The BOD meetings are designed for the Sectors Chairs with a focus on the ongoing program of activities and events for the Steppin' It Up Coalition. The Quarterly Membership meetings are designed for all member affiliated with the different sectors for the Coalition. These meetings will provided an update for program activities and events conducted during the quarter and allow for Sector Chairs to meet with the members of their area. A list with the names of members affiliated with the different sectors was distributed to the Sector Chairs in attendance. A list will be provided to Sector Chairs not in attendance.

**Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County (BHSPC)**

- Reminder: Each time coalition meets a showing of “In-Kind” hours are needed. This documentation helps to meet the grant requirement. Please remember to fill out (name, date, hours, reason for meeting and sign).
- **Any** presentations involving alcohol, tobacco and other drugs can be used as volunteer hours.
- Fiscal Agent/Financial Report/In-Kind hours: **\$ 131,786.55** of the Federal monies has been spent and the Non-Federal match is **\$193,743.89**.
- This grant is a “MATCH” grant. The grant is for 125K and the “MATCH” must be that as well.

**Upcoming Coalition Activities**

**Red Ribbon Events**

- “Drugs are Despicable!” Family Movie Night (Despicable Me) at the Central/Clemson Rec; on Monday, October 26, 2016 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM.



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- Trick or Treat on Main in Pickens, South Carolina on October 29, 2016 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
- Track or Treat at the old Liberty High School track field in Liberty, South Carolina on Monday, October 31, 2016 from 5 – 7 PM.
- Fun Night (Date TBD)
- **Strategic Planning:** The coalition will be at doing a SWOT Analysis along with researching other grants and other program activities for awareness.
- **Need Assessment Update:** Alexander Dukes, prevention specialist is currently conducting a focus group with the Pickens County Explorers and is working with Pastor Rick Hayes, Religion sector chairman, to conduct focus groups with youth pastors in Pickens County and alcohol and drug surveys with the youth of Pickens County.

**Sector Chairs Reports**

- 1) **Business**
- 2) **Civic/Volunteer Organization:**
  - Dale Ramey, sector chair will be speaking to the INTERACT club at Pickens High School on December 1, 2016 about substance abuse.
- 3) **Healthcare Professional**
- 4) **Law Enforcement:**
  - **PCSO** reported that they have conducted several Drug Talks in the county to different organizations. If anyone in the community is interested in a Drug Talk for their organization, school please contact Chad Brooks at PCSO.
  - Pill Take Back Day will be Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the following locations: Clemson Free Clinic, Cannon Memorial Hospital and Easley Baptist Hospital.
- 5) **Media – (no report)**
- 6) **Parent:**
  - The Parent Sector is coordinating an event for parents called “Let’s Talk” and will be held at Getty’s Middle School on November 1, 2016 from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM. One of the Youth Board parents “Dennis Grambling” will be our guest speaker.
- 7) **Religious/Fraternal Organizations**
  - Pastor Hayes is working on trying to get as many church groups in Pickens County together to get involved with the mission of the Steppin’ It Up Coalition.
- 8) **School (no report)**
- 9) **State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency with Expertise in Substance Abuse**
- 10) **Other Organizations Involved with Reducing Substance Abuse:**
  - SIUC will be hosting the first annual Bake OFF & Chili Cook Off December 3, 2016 in the back parking lot of Behavioral Health Services from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Looking for Volunteers to get the information out to the public. Contact Barbara, BHSPC Prevention Liaison, if you would like to help.
  - The Eva Project will take place on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Bonclarken in Flat Rock North Carolina. Former Youth Board member Erik Grayson will be the Special Speaker



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for the Eva Project. The Eva Project was renamed after Erik's mother who was a strong supporter of the former TLC program.

**11) Youth Serving Organization (no report)**

**12) Youth (no report)**

**Special Presentation**

- Brooke Culclasure, Evaluator for the Steppin' It Up Coalition reported on the Communities that Care Survey and explained the data requirements of the Drug Free Communities Grant (DFC). The detailed PowerPoint presentation will be distributed via e-mail to the Steppin' It Up Coalition BOD.

Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2016 from 5:30 pm – 7:00 at Sarlin Library, 15 Palmetto Street, Liberty, South Carolina 29657.

Respectfully Submitted: Barbara Moss, Prevention Liaison  
Audio Tape October 10, 2016