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| Committee Name: | Consumer and Family Advisory Committee Meeting |
| Date: | July 14, 2009 |
| Time: | 5:30p.m. Dinner 6:00p.m. Meeting. |
| Meeting Place: | Morganton Community House |
| Members Present: | Hazel Peterson, Maria Benfield, Lisa Allison, Laurie Bradshaw, Shirley Stapleton, Donna Hollar, Chip Jones, Linda Martin DeAngelo, Linda McCrary |
| Members/Others Absent: | Cynthia Houser |
| Guests/Speaker/Others Present: | Cathy Kocian, Josephine Benfield, Vanessa Anderson, Judy Dahlstrom, Sherry Clanton, John Hardy, Barbara Richards |
| (Agenda Item #1) | Welcome and Introductions |
| <i>Presenter:</i> | Chip Jones |
| <i>Action:</i> | The meeting was called to order and everyone was welcomed. Each member introduced their selves and welcomed new members. |
| (Agenda Item #2)Minutes: | Minutes April 14, 2009 |
| <i>Action:</i> | The minutes were presented for approval. |
| <i>Decision:</i> | Laurie Bradshaw made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Hazel Peterson second the motion. Minutes were approved. |
| (Agenda Item # 3) | LME Update |
| <i>Presenter:</i> | John Hardy |
| <i>Information Presented:</i> | <p>The General Assembly is still deciding the budget. Mr. Hardy spoke on the Benefit Plan and how much money to spend and where is the money coming from. There will be a reduction in services along with Medicaid and State dollars. There is talk of closing Level 3 and 4 facilities. Providers will be reducing services to help balance the budget. Some will not be able to see some people at the same level of service. Different providers will shift services until everything levels out. All contracts that are being signed now are with a 15% cut.</p> <p>At the present time the LME has started the new physical year on July 1st. When asked how the budget was drawn up. The answer was we took last year's budget and reduced it.</p> <p>When Mr. Hardy was asked to sum up with a closing statement he answered, " To do the best we can with the money available."</p> |
| (Agenda Item #4) | 2009-10 DFAC Discussion |
| <i>Presenter:</i> | Laurie Bradshaw |
| <i>Information Presented:</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Frequency of meetings & Location B. Officers C. Goals/Objectives <p>It was discussed that the meeting will still be held every month and we</p> |

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| | <p>will continue to meet at the Morganton Community House. One member was absent. It was decided to vote in August on Chair, Co-chair and secretary Goals & Objectives will focus on Mental Health Awareness</p> |
| (Agenda Item # 5) | State Report/ New Business |
| <p><i>Presenter:</i></p> <p><i>Information Presented:</i></p> | <p>Cathy Kocian</p> <p>The Person First Language is waiting to be signed by Governor Perdue. This bill is to recognize as people first and not by disability. All 21 seats have been filled on the State CFAC.</p> <p>Vanessa Anderson An evaluation sheet was handed out at the June 20th seminar. 31 attended with 25 completing the evaluation. The results are very good. Everyone that attended would like to attend another one.</p> |
| (Agenda Item #6) | Open/Public Comments |
| <p><i>Presenter:</i></p> <p><i>Information Presented:</i></p> | <p>Sharon Williamson</p> <p>Sharon Williamson introduced guest speaker Barbara Richards. She spoke on the topic of “Organization for American Healthcare Reform” A statement was made by President Obama February 24, 2009. “Healthcare reform cannot wait, it must not wait, and it will not wait another year.” He called for healthcare reform that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduces costs 2. Guarantees Choice 3. Ensures quality care for all <p>A representative for President Obama, Pat Roberts, did a power point presentation. He ask a city wide question. “What do you want to do in your community?” OFA will provide all help needed for a meeting to raise awareness of the Healthcare Reform.</p> <p>Judy Dahlstrom handed out confidentially agreement forms for members to sign. W-9 forms were distributed for anyone wanting to receive a stipend. A pamphlet was distributed on becoming a Peer Support Specialist. A five week training course will be held on 5 consecutive Saturdays beginning on September 19, 2009 Judy handed out copies of a Catawba Valley Citizens article. Catawba Valley Citizens investigative unit is made up of a variety of volunteer community members, many that do not write columns for our news service. The unit is currently working on a series of news stories related to the mental health system in Burke & Catawba Counties.</p> |
| (Agenda Item #7) | Agenda Next Meeting |
| | <p>Sharon Williamson</p> <p>Ryan Frye will be here to discuss needs assessment. Robert Cox from</p> |

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| | Recovery Works will also attend. Any updates for the state and complaints and incidents will be discussed. A motion was made to adjourn by Lisa Allison with Laurie Bradshaw second. |
| Adjournment: | The meeting was adjourned @ 7:20 p.m. |
| Next Meeting: | August 11, 2009 @ Morganton Community House |
| Respectfully Submitted By: | Donna Hollar, Secretary |