



Family Connection Camden

Date: February 8th 2022

Time: 2:00 pm

Meeting Notes

- I. Chair, Lena Brathwaite Bell opened meeting with Introduction of New Executive Director, April Jeans.

- II. Mary Eleanor Wickersham, DPA. – Community Health Needs Assessment for Southeast Georgia Health System taking place, including all the counties in the service area for the Camden and Brunswick hospitals. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. The direct address to the survey is <https://bit.ly/SGHS-Community-Survey>. Feel free to share with others.

Focus Group will take place March 23rd at 3 p.m. at Coastal Community Behavioral Health, 5155 GA Hwy 40 40 East, St. Mary's GA. Aims to have a diverse group of people: age, race, income, etc. The information from this meeting will be used to help develop strategies for We will be addressing the hospital's benefits plan. for sharing information about health needs and resources to prioritize Camden's residents' health needs.

- III. Lynn Schultz is Georgia's State Coordinator, Building Healthy Military Communities (BHMC) Shared the following statistics for Camden County; 31% Obesity Rate, 21% Tobacco Use, 26 % Low Income (Less than 30,000), 32% receive SNAP benefits. Looking for ideas how we can address these and other local social issues that effect military families, as a group. For more information click the link below:
[220128 Schultz-GA State Coordinator-BHMC.pdf](#) (Includes contact Info.)
[GA_TFF_Insight Reports_02_07_2022_vHouston County.pdf](#)
Looking to connect with the Chamber of Commerce. Looking at data for Camden Country to develop strategies.

- IV. Allise Pate, ED Salvation Army in St. Marys GA. Partnering with Tribune & Georgian and Rotary Club of Camden County, GA for a February Fill the Bag food drive. They are accepting donations of non-expired, canned or boxed foods and basic toiletries.

- V. Claire Feazel, Camden County Government. Launched redesigned website; www.camdencounty.ga.gov
Camden County received a billion-dollar grant to assist with construction for a new health dept. Strategic Plan

VI. Renee' Martin, Okefenokee RESA, Counselor Resource Fair at Okefenokee RESA tomorrow. Next one in 2024 (we do it every other year). Sign Up for the WrapAround Around Wednesday Newsletter. Below is a link for the recent WrapAround Wednesday Newsletter: [2.02.22 Wraparound Wednesday Newsletter 2020.pdf](#)

VII. Check out the [FCC February Newsletter!](#)

VIII. Next meeting March 10th, 2022

Attendees:

Lena Brathwaite Bell Chair	April Jeans Executive Director	Waldron Hamilton Department of Community Affairs	Mary Gail Lindsey Leadership team	Mary Eleanor Wickersham College of Coastal Georgia
Walter Spencer Leadership Team	Terry Smith Leadership Team	Lynn Shultz Building Military Families	Timothy Bessant NAACP	Claire Feazel Camden County Government
Gregory Russo CareSource	Margie Minchew Diversified Resources	April Boyett Camden County DFCS	Bianca Booker Camden County School Social Worker	Lisa Brewer GaFCP
Valeria Latson, Fleet and Family Support Center	Temeca Hannan Eckard Connect	John Haiger Coastal Community Behavioral Health	Sherzine Mckenzie Safe Harbor RHY	Alise Pate Salvation Army
Damon Thomas Coastal Community Action Authority	Shantay Gibbs One Camden	Troy Hobbs Camden County School Social worker	Heather Bryant Fair Count, Faith Organizer	Sharmaine Anderson Harvest Christian Academy