

## Davidson County Community Partners Meeting

## February 2, 1018

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

# Introduction of Speakers - Janice D. Richardson, Career Connections Coordinator with Goodwill Industries, NW, NC

Ms. Richardson provided an overview of how donations work to support the services offered by Goodwill Industries, NW, NC, as well as a description of the following services:

- Career Connections Supports job seekers by offering free, personalized services such as resumewriting assistance, skills assessment, career coaching, access to computers, help with interviewing skills and job placement services.
- Job Fairs are held the third Thursday of the month. The next Job Fair will be on February 15, 2018.
- Job Fair Boot Camps are held to help the job seeker prepare for the Job Fair.
- Mock Job Fairs are also held for job seekers.
- Goodwill has a referral partnership with other agencies in the community to provide related services such as budgeting which is provided by Lexington Housing Authority.
- Goodwill hosts the Davidson County Business Advisory Council (BAC) which holds the annual Dress for Success Fashion Show using clothing donated and sold in the local Goodwill store.
- Anyone wanting additional information or a tour of their facility is encouraged to reach out to Ms. Richardson.

### 2. Community Updates

- Daymark Recovery Services
  - Heather introduced herself as the new Center Director and gave the following updates:
    - The new Facility Based Crisis Center (FBC) is located beside of Daymark at 1104 S Main St. in Lexington.
    - FBC is a co-ed inpatient mental health and substance use stabilization facility with 14 beds. Mike Harris is the FBC Director.
    - If someone is in need of FBC services, call first to inquire about vacancies because it can change throughout the day.
    - The average stay is four to seven days.
    - The Davidson County FBC is a 24 hour facility. Daymark is in the process of developing a 23 hour option in Forsyth County.
    - There is no wrong door. People can call in or walk in.
    - Daymark hopes to contract with Sandhills LME to provide FBC to Randolph County.
- Mobile Engagement
  - Courtney Provided the following updates:
    - Mobile Engagement operates 24/7/365 with a maximum two hour response time.
    - Can transport medically safe individuals.
    - Is staffed by LPC's, LSW's, or LCAS's.
    - A day clinician is being hired.



- Community Link
  - Teresa gave the following updates:
    - Community link in Davidson, Cabarrus and Union Counties are working with Domestic Violence and Emergency Shelters to provide shelter and rapid rehousing via Coordinated Entry. Clients can move to other counties. There is a wait list of 300 people.
- Crisis Ministry
  - Ashley gave the following updates:
    - Genesis House is full.
    - Ashley meets with people within 24 hours when they come into the Homeless shelter. After they have been there 14 days she makes a referral to Teresa at Community link to obtain other housing.
- Davidson County Library
  - gave the following updates:
    - February is National Library Lovers Month.
    - Free Library Card replacement lasts through February 24.
    - The Vita Tax Program is taking place at all Davidson County Libraries, Davidson County Community College and the Senior Center offering free tax preparation on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Appointments are taken on Mondays and fill up quickly so encourage people to register early.
    - In celebration of Black history month Irene Wiley will be presenting on the Underground Railroad on February 22 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
    - There are two adult book clubs. Both are all ladies right now. They are reading Me Before You this month. Hidden Figures will be read in March.
    - The History Hunters Club will be giving a presentation on Famous murders in Davidson County and surrounding area on March 6 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It is open to everyone over the age of 12.
    - Trivia nigh is Wednesday, February 21 at 6:00 pm. Pizza will be for sale at \$1/slice
- Davidson Medical Ministries
  - Sandy Motley, Executive Director and Abbi ,Care Manager gave the flowing up dates:
    - Davidson Medical Ministries serves as the Medical home to all of their patients to reduce the number of ER visits.
    - They are concentrating on the Social Determinants of Health.
    - They are trying to establish a Dental program in the schools.
    - Expanded hours in Thomasville are on Tuesdays and in Lexington on Thursdays until 8:00 pm.
    - Abbi noted that she encourages people to take their medications.
    - Britany Fry who is a LCSW works in integrated health at Davidson Medical Ministries and refers patients to community agencies as appropriate to meet their needs.
- Faith Health
  - John gave the flowing updates:
    - He is visiting agencies in the county to learn what they do



- There are both paid staff and volunteers who help people navigate the various county systems.
- Davidson County Health Department

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- Jen Hames, public Health Educator gave the following updates:
  - Diabetes education is offered at the Health Department. Call 336-242-2510 to register.
  - It is time for the Community Health Assessment. Jen will send information to the community agencies.
  - Flu shots are still available.
- DCSPAN and Davidson County health Department
  - Karen Villines gave the following updates:
    - Community Conversations on Opioids are being held at four locations in the county. The website contains information about times and locations.
- Davidson County Department of Social Services
  - Scott Craver provided the following updates:
    - Money is still available in the Low Income Energy Assistance Program which runs through the end of March. He urged attendees to send individuals in need of assistance to DSS.
- Arc of Davidson County
  - Teresa McKeon provided the following updates:
    - March is Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.
    - Arc NC will be holding its annual conference on March 23 and 24.
    - The annual Resource Fair, hosted by the Arc of Davidson County, will be held at Davidson County Community College (DCCC) in April. It is free and is for youth 14 years of age and older who have IEP's and their families to offer resources to aid in planning for post high school transition. Vendor table are free so please come.
    - There will be a fundraiser coming up. Tickets will be \$15.00. Information will be distributed as time nears.
    - Summer Camp will be available this year through a partnership with Davidson County Parks and Rec. It is for seven to 9 year olds and will run five days a week from 8am to 3pm.
    - The New Day Supports program was just licensed. It operates under the Hub and Spoke model.
- Davidson County Community College (DCCC)
  - Keisha Jones provided the following updates:
    - There will be a Health & Community Fair on March 21 from 11 am 1pm at the Rittling Conference Center.
    - A Career Fair will be held March 29 from 9am 12pm at the Rittling Conference Center.
    - Women in Stem Week is March 19 23, with various events being held.
    - The Lions Club will hold Free Eye Exams on April 17 from 830am 430pm. At this time no Spanish speaking volunteers but we may be able to have a student assist for certain periods of the day



- The date for the Career in a Year Open House has yet to be set so stay tuned.
- Through a grant from the Belk Foundation DCCC has been operating the Single Step program designed to keep students from withdrawing utilizing nonacademic wrap around services such as free legal assistance and financial counseling. Once the grant ends the college will sustain the program.
- In celebration of Black History Month a traveling Black history program will be at DCCC on February 20 and Hidden Figures will be shown on March 19. They are free to all.
- Thomasville Medical Center
  - Carolyn Shoaf provided the following updates:
    - The Geriatric Behavioral Health Unit serves individuals age 55 and up. Karen Adams is the Nurse Manager.
- GAST Laura Vinton)
  - Laura Vinton provided the following updates:
    - GAST provides training and consultation on dementia, mental health and substance use topics that affect older adults to staff working in long-term care facilities, community agencies, and organizations including the following: senior centers, home care agencies, congregate meals agencies, home delivery meals agencies, adult day care, Veteran Affairs, Departments of Social Services, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, judicial systems, homeless shelters, PACE Program, area agencies on aging, emergency medical services/first responders, adult care homes, family care homes, nursing homes.
- Lexington City Schools
  - provided the following update;
    - The middle schools working to combat homelessness and are providing 20 book bags filled with food and toiletries to local organizations asking them to distribute the bookbags as they feel appropriate.
- Cardinal Innovations' Community Reinvestment Initiative
  - Reid Thornburg, Community Executive provided the following updates:
    - Cardinal Innovations is reinvesting \$3.8 million into the community over a 12 month period. RFP's are being sought from schools, local government and/or 501c3, c4 and c6's and should demonstrate self-sustainability after the initial 12 month period. John will send the link for the RFP. Cardinal Innovations will make the recommendation(s) to as to the recipient(s) to the State who will make the final determination. Adam Cook is the contact person for this initiative.
- Monica Johnson, Member Engagement Specialst for Cardinal Innovations
  - Monica gave a brief overview of Member Engagement and it was noted that she will be presenting at the Arc of NC's upcoming conference.



- Cardinal Innovations' Transitions to Community Living Program (TCL)
  - Karisa McDaniel provided a brief overview of the TCL program:
    - This program resulted from a settlement entered into by the state of North Carolina and the US Department of Justice to ensure individuals inappropriately housed in long term care facilities due to having a mental illness diagnosis have the option of moving into their own residence with wrap around services/supports if they so choose.
    - As the TCL Housing Specialist, Carissa will continue outreach efforts to landlords and potential landlords in Davidson County to secure residences for individuals receiving services though TCL. It was noted the Salvation Army in Davidson County is currently working on housing issues so Carissa will connect with them.
- Cardinal Innovations Healthcare
  - John Giampaolo, Community Engagement Specialist introduced his colleague Community Engagement Specialist Carol Senick who will be joining the meetings to provide assistance.
  - John encouraged attendees to volunteer for the CIT training if interested.
  - The community Engagement Dashboard was reviewed.

### 3. Old Business

The Community Resources App is in the process of being finalized. A request for information is being sent to all agencies listed on the app. Once received, the app will be updated and will be in the final stages of development.

#### 4. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 12 pm.