

**October 12, 2022**

**FWC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

Chair, Laura Winther

Vice-Chair, Marie Estrada

Secretary, Amanda Hanson

Treasurer, Vacant

Chair called meeting to order at 11:30 AM

In attendance: Amanda Hanson (United Way/Media), Kathy Foley (Military/Fairbanks Suicide Prevention Workgroup), Chuck Mays (Faith), Rachel Leppy (FWC Director), Jessica Stossel (Fiscal Agent), Carol Anthony (Healthcare), Sarah Koogle (Behavioral Health/Parent), Laura Winther (Courts), Brenda McFarlane (Civic. Gov.), Brenna Schaake (Business), Brenda Henze-Nelson (Fairbanks Opioid Workgroup/CAP), Jasmine Richardson (FWC), [Krystal Marino](#)(Youth)

Absent: Kathy Catron (Law Enforcement), Katrina Erick (Disability), Sierra Sommer (Careline)

Guest: Bobby Dorton (Tanana Chiefs Conference),

Julia Aikman (University of Alaska Fairbanks),

Nenette Rogers (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

Motion to approve agenda was made by Kathy F. and seconded by Sarah K.

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Chair introduced Julia Aikman. Julia will be filling our UAF Nanook Diversity Action Center sector, she works as a Prevention and Wellness Coordinator at the University.

Chair introduced Bobby Dorton. Bobby will be filling our Reentry Coalition sector, he works at the Tanana Chiefs Conference and is the community co-chair for the Reentry Coalition.

Chair introduced Nenette Rogers with NAMI. Nenette is the Executive Director of NAMI and she's the first Executive Director NAMI has had in their 38 years of being in Fairbanks.

Nenette gave a presentation going over the NAMI services they provide our community. NAMI provides free supportive and educational programs that are available to everyone with mental illness. Their programs include education classes for veterans, law enforcement and community members. They have an open library and offer scholarships for folks with mental illness that want to go to school and receive an undergraduate or graduate. They provide mobile crisis training to our local law enforcement which is also available to community members and partners.

11:57am

New Business: Chair informed Coalition members of website updates that include events, grants, and a password protected Steering Committee section that includes our documentation. We will still be using Basecamp as a part of our grant and Jasmine R. will send out the password.

Chair informed coalition members that Timothy L. and Valarie B. have both resigned from the coalition and Marie E. has changed positions. Chair went over the sector roster explaining we have the capacity for 20 people and went over the vacant sectors which included Housing and Homeless, LGBTQ+, School District, and Tribal.

Chair opened the floor for Steering Committee members to make sector suggestions while informing the Coalition that we have not heard from Joel K. in regards to filling the LGBTQ+ sector. No member had a sector suggestion at that time. Chair updated the coalition on the CAP vacant sector and opened the floor for members who attend CAP to volunteer to provide the coalition with CAP updates. Brenda H. volunteered to provide the CAP meeting updates. Chair updated the coalition on the Parent vacant sector and Sarah K. volunteered to provide updates for the Parent sector.

Chair updated the coalition on our Operating Principles. According to our Operating Principles, membership terms are only for two years to which we have members who have served longer than those two years. Chair proposes updating the Operating Principles to, "as long as you are in that position and you want to serve, you don't need to be voted in every two years." Kathy F. was in agreement with no opposing, however we will vote on that change during the next meeting per chair. Chair updated coalition on the Operating Principles Nominating Committee and mentioned a proposal of eliminating the Nominating Committee. Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Brenna S. made a motion to dissolve the Nominating Committee and seconded Kathy F. with no opposing.

Chair informed the coalition on the attendance policy, which states, "Three consecutive unexcused absences, as determined by the Coalition members, may result in automatic removal from the Coalition". Chair opened the floor for discussion. Amanda H. suggested doing our diligence to reach out if folks have the three unexcused absences and Kathy F. suggested folks inform the chair so it's considered an unexcused absence, and sending Jasmine R. sector updates. Chair informed Coalition members that the attendance policy will be updated.

Chair updated the coalition on our current quorum and opened the floor to discussion. Amanda H. suggested half of our filled sectors for our quorum number. Discussion was held about the 2/3rds majority policy that constitutes "general agreement".

Amanda H. made a motion to make quorum half of the filled sectors and seconded by Kathy F. with no opposing. The 2/3rds majority for "general agreement" was kept.

Chair informed the coalition about the \$1,500 food budget and opened the floor for discussion on how to spend it. Amanda H. suggested using a portion of it for Strategic Planning and using the rest for events. Carol A. suggested using it for the Resiliency Conference.

Chair brought to attention the open Treasurer position and opened the floor for volunteering and discussion.

Chair updated the coalition on the workgroups which include the RFP Workgroup and Media Workgroup. Chair made a proposal to allow the RFP workgroup to approve RFPs that come in for Sources of Strength and Be[You].

Kathy F. made a motion to allow the RFP Workgroup to approve RFPs that come in only for the Sources of Strength and Be[You] grants and was seconded by Sarah K.

Chair made a proposal to allow the Media Workgroup to approve and award the bids as they come in.

Sarah K. made a motion to allow the Media Workgroup to approve their bids and seconded by Brenna S. with no opposing.

Chair updated the coalition on the Resilience Conference agency highlight.

FWC Update: Jasmine R. updated the Coalition on events. The Community Cafe distributed the Anchorage data and Fairbanks should be receiving their data soon. Fairbanks Wellness Coalition will be attending the Winter Expo while sharing table space with Prevention which will be 10.22.22- 10.23.22 at the Carlson Center. The Fairbanks Wellness Coalition will also be attending the Holiday Marketplace while sharing table space with Prevention which will be 11.11.22- 11.13.22 also at the Carlson Center. The Suicide Prevention Task Force are getting ready for Survivors of Loss by Suicide Day event 11.19.22 which is for Survivors Only.

Kathy F. updated the Coalition on the Suicide Prevention Responce Independent Review Committee coming into town They would like to hear from our community members regarding the military and the issues around our environment, behavioral health, suicide, domestic violence, and sexual assault. They are looking at our crisis and response.

Rachel L. updated the Coalition on the Resilience Conference. We will have RCPC be there for food security and we are currently writing speaker contracts.

Chair informed the Coalition that Jasmine R. will send everyone the Volunteer Sign-up Sheet.

Rachel L. updated the Coalition that she will be doing an interview with a youth applicant for our youth position.

Fiscal Agent updated the Coalition on the grant as well as budget revisions. By the next meeting there should be more of an update regarding the grant per Fiscal Agent and money will be taken out of our media budget to pay for rent space.

Sector updates: Military sector rep. Kathy F. updated that on 10.31.22, Eilson will be doing an Intimate Partner, Violence, Strangulation Workshop. It's from 11am- 3pm in the Chapel Fellowship Hall.

Health Care sector rep. Carol A. updated that they added a second \$100 prize and there is a \$500 prize for completing the Community Health Survey before Friday (10.14.2022).

Civic Gov. sector rep. Brenda M. updated the Alaska Mental Health Board and the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse are intown at the Westmark. At 6pm they will have a public comment period and people can bring forward any thoughts. People can attend in-person, over Zoom, and over the phone.

Fairbanks Prevention Alliance sector updated by Rachel L.; It's Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the FPA is doing a social media campaign on why domestic violence awareness is so important. People's quotes are being posted.

Chair excused Julia and Marie.

Chair opens the floor for discussion on Bobby D. representing the Reentry Coalition.

Kathy F. made a motion to approve Bobby D. for the Reentry sector and seconded by Amanda H. with no opposing.

Chair opens the floor for Reentry chair, co-chair, and coordinator meeting attendance with only one vote discussion.

Sarah K. makes a motion to approve the Reentry chair, co-chair, and coordinator meeting attendance with only one vote and seconded by Kathy F. with no opposing.

Chair opens the floor for discussion on Julia A. taking over for Ronnie H. in the UAF sector.

Brenda H. makes a motion to approve Julia A. for the UAF sector and seconded by Kathy F. with no opposing.

Chair opens the floor for discussion on Marie E. representing the Fairbanks Prevention Alliance (FPA) sector.

Sarah K. makes a motion to approve Marie E. for the FPA sector and seconded by Kathy F. with no opposing.

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 12:55pm.