



**LCAHY Community Board Meeting
May 16, 2022
Rotary Community Center, Bluffton, SC**

Meeting called to order 8 pm by Chairperson Wendy Cummings

Youth Coalition Recognition/Celebration Event

Prior to the Board meeting, we held our Teens for Healthy Youth (THY) Awards and Recognition Ceremony. The event was attended by close to 125 people including teens, family members, and Board members. Laura Pirkey, THY Youth Coalition Coordinator, gave a power point presentation of some of the projects Teens for Healthy Youth in the six are high schools worked on throughout the year. THY members in attendance were recognized with certificates for their service. Kylie Nelson was recognized, with a scholarship, as the Outstanding Teens for Healthy Youth Senior. This award is given to a graduating senior who demonstrated exemplary service and dedication to the mission of THY, promoting positive teen health. Kylie has been an inspiring leader and has been involved with Teens for Healthy Youth for four years. As a freshman, she helped to launch THY at May River High School and held the position of president. From 2019 -2022, she served as the Youth DFC/CIA, on the Community Board. During the past year, she volunteered as a LCAHY intern. Laura Pirkey highlighted her service as an advocate for promoting positive teen health in a Power Point presentation.

Community Board Meeting: At the conclusion of the recognition event, the chair announced that a brief Community Board meeting will be held.

Minutes: Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Attendance: Francine Norz Tobin (Governmental organization/ Solicitor's Office), James Berl (Youth Serving Organization/HH Rec Center), Dr. Loretta Novince (LCAHY/DFCGrant Consultant), Wade Bishop (Substance Abuse Agency/Beaufort County Drug and Alcohol Agency), Craig Washington (Law Enforcement/Beaufort County SRO Officer), Wendy Cummings (Schools/THY Advisor Cross Schools) Staff: Laura Pirkey (DFC Grant Project Director and Youth Coalition Coordinator), Blanca Aranda (DFC Grant Coordinator). Guest: Tina Johnson (Civic Organization/Zonta Club). Wendy introduced Tina who will become a Board member representing the Civic Sector.

DFC Support Grant Update: Dr. Novince reported that she has confirmed through newspaper articles that the founding date of LCAHY is February 9, 2012 and that she worked with Cheryl to submit the short form application for 501 c 3 nonprofit status. She also noted that by Sept. 29, 2022 the grant requires that our 12 Month Action Plan activities be completed.

12 Month Action Plan Updates/Ad-Hoc Committee Assignments

Teens for Healthy Youth:

May is Substance use and Mental Health Awareness Month. Projects that Teens for Healthy Youth will be working on will be reported at the May meeting.

Law enforcement Patrols at Coligny:

Craig Washington said that he would be our contact and take over being the liaison with the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office to get Deputies to sign up for shifts to increase patrols at Coligny Beach during the summer months. The challenge is to get Deputies to sign up for the hours/shifts. Approximately \$5,500 dollars is earmarked in the DFC budget to support these patrols

Town of Hilton Head Amendment of Smoking Ordinance: Jim Berl agreed to assist Wendy in her efforts and speak with Wendy's contact, the attorney for the Town of Hilton Head, about the status of amending their No Smoking ordinance to include no vaping.

May Day 5K (sustainability): Wendy reported that the 5K Community walk/run was a success. We had 115 runners/walkers. She did not have final numbers on the amount of money raised. She reported that next year we should consider a different weekend as many High School track teams were at the lower State finals. Wendy would like to ask Bluffton Mayor if maybe we could combine with another Bluffton event to bring in more participation. There was a brief discussion about promoting awareness of the food truck at the event next year. It was suggested that their menu be advertised in advance and promote that 20% of proceeds will be donated to LCAHY. Wendy further reported that the runners gave positive input about the event and especially liked that award were given to the dog walkers/runners. Dr. Novince recommended that in addition to the race logo the LCAHY logo and vision statement be printed on the award ribbons. She also noted that the manager of Fresh Market supermarket is interested in providing refreshments for next year's race. Wendy announced that there is an increased interest in being the title sponsor for the race. She will discuss with the CEO of Hilton Head Hospital and the CEO of Beaufort Memorial Hospital their sponsorship interests (or if they require exclusive sponsorship). Wendy noted that the former Chair of the Chamber of Commerce Business Education Partnership, who is now the manager for Hilton Garden Inn, was at the race. She expressed to Wendy that the Hilton Garden Inn would like to support LCAHY's efforts. Wendy asked Dr. Novince to follow-up with her. Francine suggested that possibly the hotel could provide us with in-kind monthly meeting space.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, -- Francine Norz Tobin, Recording Secretary

