



Richmond – Anson – Scotland Tri-County Children's Advocacy Center

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The Tri-County Children's Advocacy Center meeting was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 3:30pm via webinar. The following were in attendance:

Lula Jackson, Anson County Director of Social Services
Tierra Gilbert, QCPI Supervisor
Kendra Faries, Public Health Educator
Michael Van Buren, Assistant District Attorney
Reece Saunders, District Attorney
Amber Hardy, District Attorney's Office
Keri Standridge, Guardian Ad Litem Supervisor
Kelly Kirk, Peer Support Specialist
Sheila Brosier, Administrative Assistant

Sheila Brosier reviewed the Action Steps identified at the last meeting:

1. Continue planning for the CAC open house - April 26th from 3:30pm to 6:30pm.
2. Search for a weight scale and other equipment, furniture, etc., for the CAC building.

The CAC building has been equipped with furniture and equipment obtained through donations and surplus. Kudos to Kendra Faries for finding a medical examination bed and stool at a fraction of the cost. Other items will be solicited during the open house.

The "Welcome to the Neighborhood" open house has been postponed to Wednesday, May 24th from 3:30pm to 6:30pm at the CAC building. It will be open to the community and surrounding businesses to tour and hear about the Tri-County CAC's purpose and mission. Light refreshments will be served. Kendra Faries is developing invitations that will be sent to the county manager, county commissioners, city officials, and agencies affiliated with CAC in Richmond, Scotland, and Anson counties. She is also creating a pamphlet that describes the mission and purpose of CAC. Sheila Brosier will form a donation letter for companies and agencies that want to sponsor a room or make a one-time or annual donation.

MDT team meetings will begin in Anson and Scotland counties in July. April Snead and Lula Jackson have identified sites in their respective counties to host MDT meetings. We welcomed Amber Hardy from the District Attorney's office who will play an active role in the MDT meetings.

Kelly Kirk completed RADAR training and is equipped to conduct forensic interviews. Tierra Gilbert, Lynette Parks and Linda Goodwin completed MDT Facilitator training, all of whom are in Richmond county. We are seeking others in Anson and Scotland counties that are interested in serving as MDT facilitators and Forensic Interviewers.

The committee identified the following action steps for the next meeting.

1. Continue to plan for the “Welcome to the Neighborhood” open house event.
2. Begin to schedule MDT meetings in July in Anson and Scotland counties.
3. Continue to search for items (weight scale, etc.) for the CAC building.
4. Seek representatives from Anson and Scotland counties who are interested in serving as MDT Facilitators and Forensic Interviewers; follow up with training.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 3:30pm at the CAC building and via webinar.