



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, February 22, 2023, at 3:30pm at the CAC building and via webinar. The following were in attendance:

Robby Hall, Richmond County Director of Social Services
Lula Jackson, Anson County Director of Social Services
Lynette Parks, Paralegal, Richmond County DSS
Ashley Pritt, Project Manager, CAC NC
Mitchell Watson, Richmond County Sheriff Office
Tierra Gilbert, QCPI Supervisor
Keri Standridge, GAL Supervisor
Kelly Kirk, Peer Support Specialist
Kendra Faries, Public Health Educator
Sheila Brosier, Administrative Assistant

Robby Hall reviewed the Action Steps identified at the last meeting:

1. Hold the next CAC meeting at the new CAC building. (*in progress*)
2. Plan an open house to bring awareness to the neighboring businesses and community.
3. The budget committee will outline a preliminary budget to show capital expenditures and outlay.
4. IT staff will inquire about the lease to own option program offered by iRecord. (*pending*)
5. Seek hospital bed and weight scale from the hospital/health department. (*in progress*)
6. Sheila Brosier will distribute the training schedule for forensic interviewing. (*completed*)
7. Lula Jackson will solicit available dates from Jamie Adams to schedule MDT training in Anson County. (*pending*)
8. Lynette Parks will solicit available dates from Michael Van Buren to schedule MDT training in Richmond County. (*pending*)

Tierra Gilbert prepared contracts to receive funds from Anson and Scotland counties, along with Richmond County. Scotland County has signed the contracts; Anson county is pending the county commissioners next meeting. These funds will be used to cover the lease, start-up costs, equipment, and basic operation for the new CAC building. Sandhills has agreed to fund all mental health and substance abuse assessments. Eastpointe has committed to contributing funds. Funding was allotted for a licensed clinical social worker who resigned last year. These funds will be used to cover peer support services.

We received a quote for a colposcope and in the process of looking for a medical bed and weight scale. It was suggested to check with the hospitals (through Amy Hamilton Forester), physician's offices, and surplus. Ashley Pritt indicated she will check with another county that received a free medical bed from surplus. Kendra Faries stated she will check available resources. Mr. Hall requested and is waiting on a response from iRecord on their license fee. This system has the capability to live stream videos for the CAC team to watch and it also saves records.

Tierra Gilbert, Lynette Parks and Linda Goodwin completed MDT Facilitator training. The forensic interview training schedule and other training offered by NCC CAC was provided to everyone. We will include Kelly Kirk and two staff from Scotland County in the forensic training.

Lula Jackson is working with Jamie Adams to schedule MDT training in Anson County. She and April Sneed are seeking sites in their respective counties to hold the MDT meetings. Ashley Pritt suggested to hold combined meetings twice a year and offer hybrid version for those who cannot attend in person. She also encouraged to continue building relationships with other agencies in the counties. Several CACs have written in their protocol to meet in person with partnering agencies several times a year. She noted the protocols will need to be revamped in the near future due to new verbiage and definitions. She also recommended to dedicate a meeting to review the NC state standards for CACs to ensure we are in compliance and prepared for provisional status.

Plans for an open house at the CAC building are underway for April 26th from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. We will welcome the neighboring businesses and community to tour and explain the purpose of CAC. We will also let our needs be known for support from the community and businesses. Ashley Pritt suggested to have an Adopt a Room, where a business, company, LLC, or individual can donate money or items needed to furnish a room in the CAC.

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

1. Plan an open house to bring awareness to the neighboring businesses and community - April 26th 3:30pm to 6:30pm.
2. Search for a hospital bed and weight scale (check with hospitals, health department)
3. IT staff will inquire about the lease to own option program offered by iRecord. Waiting on response.
4. Lula Jackson will follow-up with Jamie Adams on available dates to schedule MDT training in Anson County.
5. Identify sites in Anson and Scotland counties to hold MDT meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 3:30pm at the CAC building and via webinar.