

Health and Human Services Collaborative of the Eastern Panhandle

**Strong and Stable Families Work Group  
Minutes: February 21, 2017**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cathy Irizarry-Barron: Daily Companions, Kristen Gingery & Christin Rice: Family Resource Network of the Panhandle, Bridget Covell: RESA8, Audrey Morris: Starting Points, Dale Bradfield: Shenandoah Community Health, Robin Kees: Telamon, Lou Anne Kramer: Jobs Corps, Ashley Burke: Telamon, and Sarah Fowler: Morgan County Partnership/FRN Intern

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS AROUND THE TABLE**

**Brief overview of Strong and Stable Families Work Group for new people**

**New Members: Ashley Burke has been hired for the new RRC position at Telamon**

ITEM	REPORTING/DISCUSSION	ACTION STEPS/WHEN/WHO
<b>MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING</b>	<b>The minutes from January were approved</b>	
<b>REPORTS/ Updates</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Robin</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Robin reported Money Matters has been successful.</li></ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Successful Renters Program update: There were 6 graduates from Bethany House in February; series slated for Shenandoah Women's Center February/March and Blue Ridge CTC in March. MC Staring points is working on holding a class in the schools.</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Bridget</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Jefferson County Adult Learning Center met with Nan and Rosa about offering the Successful Renters Program at the Center. The Adult Learning Center will be offering one full day class on April 6th and has scheduled a tentative day in October. These classes will be available to SPOKES students and the public.</li></ul>	<b>Bridget will reach out to Lisa Osborne.</b>
<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>SSFWG Calendar:</b> Christin agreed to post the Opportunities Calendar on the FRN's website. The group briefly discussed the incentives for referrals. Lou Ann recommended contacting Ruby at the Martinsburg Chick-fli-a.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Send all programs and class opportunities to Jennie prior to the next SSFWG meeting for March's Calendar.</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Bridget</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bridget attended the Women in Manufacturing Presentation from Proctor and Gamble. She reported they are looking to hire technicians and they focus on team building. They offer retirement packages and</li></ul>	

	<p>profit sharing. They are advertising positions starting at \$16 per hour for 12 hour swing shifts. They had 1000 individuals apply for position at the new facility. Out of the 1000 applicants, only 137 were hired. The company is still trying to hire 300 people by fall of 2017.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Aid of WV is now offering program referrals at their agency. They are also helping families with avocation during the IEP process.</li> <li>• Christin mentioned that Early Childhood Development is the focus of an upcoming HHSC Quarterly meeting. Legal Aid’s advocacy efforts might be worth highlighting/discussing at this meeting.</li> </ul>	<p><b>For more information please contact Kelly Beck , lawyer at Legal Aid at <a href="mailto:kbeck@lawv.net">kbeck@lawv.net</a></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Audrey</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audrey asked the group if anyone had information regarding financial assistance for an individual in need of dental services.</li> <li>• WV Dept. of Rehabilitations, DRS and Morgantown Dental School were mentioned.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Work Plan Update</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On page 2, of the Work Plan, in the first row, last column under progress should be updated to state: <b>There is a class scheduled for April in Jefferson County at the Adult Learning Center.</b> Bridget is contacting Lisa regarding offering classes in Morgan County.</li> </ul>	<p><b>The group should follow up regarding the opportunities calendar template progress and permission slip for schools.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Announcements</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lou Ann offered to host the SSFWG meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Harpers Ferry Job Corp Location.</li> <li>• Telamon offered to host the SSFWG meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• <b>Cook It Health and Cheap</b> Classes will take place every other week beginning March 15, 29, April 12, 26 and May 10, 24, from 9:30-11:30am at Lackey Hall. These classes are open to any interested person.</li> </ul>	

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am. **The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 2017 @ 9:00am.**