

**Strong and Stable Families Work Group  
Minutes: April 18, 2017**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Corey Beahm: Burlington United Methodist Family Services, Cathy Irizarry-Barron: Daily Companions, Kristen Gingery & Christin Rice: Family Resource Network of the Panhandle, Bridget Covell: RESA8. Audrey Morris: Starting Points, Penny Porter: The United Way, Robin Kees: Telamon, LouAnne Kramer: Job Corps, and Brittany Watts: WV Healthy Start.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS AROUND THE TABLE**

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

**New Members: Brittany Watts**

ITEM	REPORTING/DISCUSSION	ACTION STEPS/WHEN/WHO
<b>MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING</b>	The minutes from March were reviewed and approved	
<b>REPORTS/ Updates</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Work Plan Review:</b> The HHSC Steering Committee has requested that all Work Groups submit a Work Plan to the Steering Committee for Review.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kathie</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Work Plan Goals:</b> There is a goal about attending at least 3 block parties/resources fair every year in our Work Plan. Some suggested events we could attend are:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Neighborhood Spring Cleanup</b> (NSC) 5/20 (We still need volunteers to help cleanup Valley St. at this event).</li> <li>2. <b>National Night Out Against Crime</b> will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August (Scott Doyle is organizing</li> <li>3. Corey's <b>Big Truck Event</b> in July</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p><b>NSC: Cathy will try to attend, Christin will hand out Asset info, and Gina from Unicare will provide handouts/toys for the children</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Audrey</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cheap Eats</b> cooking classes are offered monthly in Paw Paw. Audrey provided a class on container gardening. There were 9 attendees at the last class. All participants went home with a planter containing: a tomato and pepper plant from the class.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker: Brittany Watts</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WV Healthy Start Navigator Project:</b> Brittany is one of 4 navigators in northern West Virginia. She provides free, personal assistance with registering for private insurance, Medicaid, and the WV CHIP program. She provides this service in Morgan, Berkeley Jefferson, Mineral, Grant, &amp; Hardy Counties. This year open enrollment is only open for 6 weeks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bridget from RESA8 would like to try to have Brittany give a presentation to the Adult Learning Center.</b></li> </ul>

	from Nov. 1- Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup> . Please note that a major life event such as: a birth or death in the family, or retirement may be eligible for early enrollment. Brittany can be contacted at 304.851.6767 or at <a href="mailto:Brittany.watts@hsc.wvu.edu">Brittany.watts@hsc.wvu.edu</a>	
<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christin</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The HHSC would like to set up a Facebook account.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christin will begin working on this</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Corey</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Kindermusik:</b> Is a musical education class that takes place at the Be-Hive one Friday a month. One class will also be offered at 11am this Sat 4/22 at the Charles Town Library.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SSFWG Calendar:</b></li> <li>• Christin is working to post the calendar to the FRN's website and will try to have the Work Group Chairs have administrative access to edit and update the calendar.</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 June's Calendar.</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Awareness</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SNAP60 bill did not pass!</b></li> <li>• <b>The Berkley County Camber is hosting a follow up Legislative Breakfast on 4/27 at 7:30 am. Members are encouraged to attend.</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cathy</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Is collecting donations for Autism Awareness!</b> Donations can be made by either <b>texting BLUE1306 to 52182</b> or <b>go online to:</b> <a href="http://www.BLUE1306.gesture.com">www.BLUE1306.gesture.com</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please support Cathy's effort in raising \$1000.00 for Autism Research!</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Announcements</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Morgan County Baby Shower</b> will take place on <b>4/27 from 6-8pm</b> and is open to anyone in Morgan Co. who is pregnant or has a child under the age of 1. Doors open at 5:30.</li> <li>• <b>The United Way</b> is hosting a <b>Little Black Dress Event at the Martinsburg Public Library on 4/28/17</b>. The goal is to engage women, promote youth literacy and there will be a silent auction and gourmet appetizer bar. Tickets are \$35.</li> <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 and will be held on April 26, and May 10 &amp; 24, from 9:30-11:30am at Lackey Hall. These classes are open to any interested person.</li> <li>• <b>There will be Infant Mental Health webinars hosted from 5/15-5/19</b> (Audrey will send info to FRN and they will send out to the group)</li> <li>• <b>VA is hosting a Community Open House on 5/20 from 9-3</b></li> <li>• 5/24 is the <b>Child and Families Services Forum</b></li> <li>• <b>Telamon is hosting an Open House</b> to celebrate community Action on</li> </ul>	

	<p>5/17 from 11-6pm at Telamon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>United Way is launching a Book Study on Dr. Donna Beagle's book: <i>See Poverty Be the Difference</i></b> on 2 Tuesdays in May. Please contact Charlotte Norris for more information.</li><li>• <b>Corey is hosting a Fatherhood Initiative Conversation today at 11</b> at DHHR. The goal to identify and engage fathers in the community.</li><li>• <b>The HHSC Quarterly Meeting will take place on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.</b> Doors open at 8am for networking and refreshments. The topic is on the Impact of Toxic Stress during Early Childhood Development and its effects on the development throughout the lifespan.</li></ul>	
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The meeting adjourned at 10:30am. **The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 18, 2017 @ 9:00am at the Harpers Ferry Job Corps located at 146 Buffalo Drive, Harpers Ferry WV, 25425.**