



# WCCY MINUTES

## Wakulla County Coalition for Youth

*Date | time* 12/04/2024 12:30 pm-1:30 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Jennifer Phillips

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### In Attendance

Karen Zak, Rakeia Sorey, Lisa Sherry, Danielle Cimino, Kaizsa Grant, Melanie Sanders, Lottie Roy, Melonie Hendry, Yolanda Gillette-Carlson, Sandra Schul, Stacey Bian, Debbie Saenz, Jamie Pontones, Amy Bryan, Cathy Whaley, Jenniffer Masters, Olivia Piazza, Anissa Southall, Jennifer Phillips, Rebecca Sahar, Laurretta Compton, Regina McQueen, Linda Oaks, Aaron Taylor, Margaret Waldbauer, Tom Mallon

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### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from November Meeting – Rebecca Sahar and Stacey Bian Approved

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### Agenda Items/Presentation

#### 1. A Moment of Silence for Annie Vinson:

- Annie was a dedicated member of our community and our coalition who recently passed away. She will be greatly missed.

#### 2. Laurretta Compton and Jenniffer Masters on Future Leaders of Wakulla:

- Future Leaders of Wakulla gives youth the opportunity to network within the community and find growth in communication, networking, and developing organizational skills. They are finding ways to give youth in our community more safe spaces and activities by working on community projects and events.
- As a community project, FLOW will be collecting hygiene items to be given to our middle schoolers in Wakulla Co. The project name is "Fresh 'N Shine." Supplies being collected will include: shampoo, body wash, deodorant, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. Budgets and lists are still being compiled and then we will open collection efforts up to the community to contribute.

#### 3. Karen Zak on Drug-Free Communities Grant:

- CADCA: Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America – We are in the process of joining their membership of coalitions
- Social Norms Poster #2 Distribution: 10 posters at COAST Charter, 3 posters at DISC Village, and others were distributed during the meeting to the agencies represented
- Parent Information Kiosk Update at Wakulla Co Public Library: December is "National Impaired Driving Prevention Month." Information is centered around the dangers of driving under the influence and how to talk to your kids about alcohol, and marijuana. "National Grief Awareness Week" is Dec 2-8. We are in talks with the DOH to install a kiosk at their location.
- Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards: WCCY was nominated for a Business Excellence Award in the non-profit category!
- Future Leaders of Wakulla: FLOW hosted their first "teen science café" event focusing on recycling. Youth leader Caden Gruebel organized the event by creating flyers, scheduling speakers, planning the interactive activity, organizing a podcast to promote the discussion of recycling, and with the help of other FLOW members, they created YouTube videos to market the event. Steven Sanabria spoke to the audience about what it means to be a leader in our community when it comes to recycling and the importance of upcycling.

- Fundraising Committee: We would like to start a fundraising committee in January as we begin thinking about the sustainability of our coalition in the future.

#### 4. **Jennifer Phillips on Treasurer Nominations:**

- Motion (Karen Zak/Rebecca Sahar) To vote in Regina McQueen as the new treasurer.

20 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries and Regina McQueen is elected.

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### County Report

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**We will have a newly appointed Commissioner soon.**

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### Sheriff Report

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**Lt. Tom Mallon:** 12/6 Christmas at Hudson Park from 6-9 PM, and 12/7 Panacea Christmas Parade from 6-8 PM. "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" bunk bed building project on 12/7 – Sheriff's Dept will build and deliver beds. 12/14 is "Shop with a Cop" – 20 students will be able to shop with their SRO at Walmart for Christmas presents.

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### School District Report

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**Amy Bryan:** Rick Myhre is our new Superintendent of schools; Early Release Day is on 12/20; Holiday Break is from 12/23 – 1/3; Teacher Planning Day is on 12/6 with students returning to school on 1/7. The "Who We Play For" organization will be coming in after the break to conduct ECG screenings on secondary student athletes to check for cardiac issues.

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### Treasurer Report

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**Treasury Reports will begin again in January 2025.**

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### Partner Reports

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**Margaret Waldbauer (DOH):** Tobacco Prevention Partnership Membership 12/19 at 4PM at Wakulla DOH; Food Locker is now available and is providing food boxes by Second Harvest to Wakulla citizens.

**Lt. Aaron Taylor (Florida Army National Guard):** Supplied with Deterra deactivation kits to distribute

**Regina McQueen (Mobile Response Unit at Apalachee Center):** Supports community with mental health services – "Same Day Access" program allows citizens to register online from home for mental health services (medication support, therapy support, etc). 1-800-342-0774 is the Mobile Response Team 24/7 mental health helpline.

**Rebecca Sahar (Wakulla Co Public Library):** Santa's Mailbox is up and open until 12/14 – please include name and address in your letter so that Santa can respond; Math Night is 12/5 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM and is a great way for kids to get help with math; Storytime with Sherrif Miller 12/6 at 5:30 PM; Holiday Animal Tales at the Community Center 12/10 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM; READ Therapy Dogs 12/14 from 10 AM – 12 PM; Lego Club 12/17 from 4-5:30 PM; Manga Club – middle school group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month and high school group meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month; Library Closed 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, and 1/1; Mommy and Me Yoga Class coming soon; Code Combat (kids will get to learn how to program and code) will be held in the Spring.

**Jennifer Phillips (North Florida Learning Center):** Now accepting Spring applicants in Tallahassee and Wakulla County for student tutoring K-12<sup>th</sup> grade. They accept Step Up For Students.

**Stacey Bian (DISC Village):** DISC Village has new, more concise intake packets available. Partners with Apalachee Center to provide mental health services to persons with substance use disorders.

**Melonie Hendry (Healthy Families – Franklin/Wakulla/Gulf):** Provides prenatal and postnatal education, parent support, community resources and early child development screenings. Reach out to the number provided in the WCCY Resource guide or the Wakulla DOH for any referrals.

**Yolanda Gillette-Carlson (Big Bend AHEC):** Provides services for free in Spanish/English, tobacco cessation classes are held monthly (18+ years old); AHECtobacco.com has all classes available based on county. Diabetes Empowerment Education Program available for those with pre-diabetes or diabetes or family members wishing to learn about diabetes. Introducing Sandra Schul who is a new health educator based out of Wakulla County.

### Next Meeting

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January 8th, 2024 at 12:30 pm at Wakulla County Public **Library** & Virtually