



# WCCY MINUTES

## Wakulla County Coalition for Youth

*Date | time* 12/03/2025 12:30 pm-1:30 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Jennifer Phillips

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### In Attendance

Karen Zak, James Lewis, Sgt Kenneth Feinberg, Taylor Caswell, Liz Neighbors, Bonnie Wertenberger, Tara Cockman, Cindy Wilson, Karley Gordon, Stephanie Cash, Jennifer Phillips, Lottie Roy, Amber Volano, Olivia Piazza, Rev. Renita Dixon, Kimberly Mattox, Rebecca Sahar, Patrick Allison, Caden Gruebel, Amanda Gruebel, Tammy Boone, Stacey Bian, Josh Lawhon, Angela Hicks, Tamara Lockley, 1Lt Jelissa Knight, Amy Frazier, Yolanda Carlson

### Installation of Officers

The installation of officers for the new term was conducted by Rebecca Sahar. Jennifer Phillips completed their term as President and moved into the role of Past President. The following officers were installed:

President: James Lewis

Vice President: Kimberly Mattox

Treasurer: Lottie Roy

The newly installed officers assumed their duties immediately following the installation.

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from November 2025 Meeting – A motion was made by Caden Gruebel and seconded by Rebecca Sahar to approve. The motion carried.

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### Agenda Items/Presentation

#### 1. James Lewis on Bylaws Committee:

- The revised bylaws are awaiting two additional signatures and will be shared promptly upon completion.

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

- December newsletter was distributed
- Poster #4 in our social norms campaign was released and made available for community distribution
- Participation in Advocacy Day at the Capitol to promote prevention services and share about the work that WCCY and FCPR are doing
- Coordination with COAST Charter is ongoing to schedule 'Too Good For Drugs' programming
- WCCY was nominated for 4-H Business/Organization of the Year, to be announced at the Clover Gala on January 29, 2026
- Collaboration with FSU College of Communication advertising students produced several promising social norms campaign concepts for the coalition. A special meeting may be scheduled to review campaign ideas.

#### 3. Tammy Boone on K-12 Tobacco-Free School Policy:

- Presented on the importance of comprehensive tobacco-free school policies, emerging nicotine products that are affecting youth, and ways WCCY members can support tobacco-free initiatives and SWAT youth

advocacy.

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## County Report

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**Josh Lawhon:** No county updates currently.

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## Sheriff Report

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**Lt. Tom Mallon/Chase Savary** were not in attendance.

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## School District Report

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**Simeon Nelson** was not in attendance.

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## Treasurer Report

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**Lottie Roy:**

- The balance forwarded from the September 30, 2025 bank statement was **\$4,116.77**.
- A deposit of **\$100.00** was made on November 24, 2025, for Operation Wakulla.
- Disbursements included **\$45.00** for bank maintenance fees covering September, October, and November, and **\$145.00** for Wakulla Chamber of Commerce dues (check #2472).
- The account balance as of the November 30, 2025 bank statement is **\$4,026.77**.
- A check for **\$61.25** for SunBiz officer changes (check #2473) has not yet cleared.
- Mrs. Roy reported that officer name changes and new bank signatures were completed on November 24, 2025, at Capital City Bank. Online banking access is pending. Bank statements for September, October, and November have been filed in the Treasurer's records. Future treasurer reports will reflect the previous month's bank statement.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

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## Partner Reports

**Kimberly Mattox (FSU Medicine):** Reported on upcoming research studies, including a cannabis-reduction study for individuals ages 18 and older. Coalition members were invited to refer eligible participants.

**Angela Hicks/Tamara Lockley (Capital Community Action Agency):** Shared recruitment information for the 2026 spring *Getting Ahead / Just Getting By* program, a 15-week course meeting one day per week for approximately two hours. Participants receive a \$25 gift card incentive. Applications were made available at the meeting.

**Yolanda Carlson (NWF Health):** Encouraged members to utilize and share the *NWF Health Connects* website and mobile app, which consolidates free and sliding-scale community services. Highlighted support opportunities for youth aging out of foster care, including mentoring.

**Rebecca Sahar (Wakulla Co Public Library):** Announced Read with Therapy Dogs scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, weather permitting; Holiday Storytime with Sheriff Miller on December 12, 2025, at 5:00 PM, followed immediately by Christmas at the Park; Letters to Santa deadlines: Classroom submissions due December 13, 2025 and Individual submissions accepted through December 13, 2025

**Caden Gruebel (Future Leaders of Wakulla/4H):** Announced upcoming vendor registration for Wakulla Wonderful, a county birthday celebration planned for March. Provided updates on the Future Leaders of Wakulla community pride project, *Prevention for Intervention*, and encouraged organizations to email Karen Zak by December 17, 2025, to participate in a logistics planning meeting scheduled for early January 2026.

**Stacey Bian (DISC Village):** Provided an overview of substance use treatment, prevention, and youth services available through Disc Village.

**Patrick Allison (Caroline's Agape Project):** Shared information on street outreach services for individuals experiencing homelessness and announced the formation of a nonprofit resource group through the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce to support nonprofit collaboration.

**Sgt Feinberg and 1 Lt. Knight (Night Vision/FLANG):** Reported on youth-focused prevention education, school presentations, and community outreach opportunities. Offered collaboration with coalition partners.

**Taylor Caswell (Big Bend AHEC):** Announced *Quit Smoking Now* classes scheduled for January 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2026 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM at the Wakulla County Public Library. Classes are open to adults 18 years and older and Participants receive a \$25 Walmart gift card per session, with a \$50 gift card awarded for attendance at all four sessions.

**Lottie Roy (LWREA):** Reported collection of toy donations for Operation Wakulla through recent events and ongoing collection efforts.

**Bonnie Wertenberger (FSU FCPR):** Announced upcoming attendance at CADCA training and Capitol Hill Day in Washington, D.C., in February.

**Liz Neighbors (Wakulla DOH):** Provided updates on Healthy Start services for pregnant women and children birth to age three. She also shared tobacco cessation resources, including nicotine replacement therapy available through the health department and participation options through in-person, phone, and web-based quit programs.

**Karley Gordon (Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center):** Announced the annual *Imagine Freedom* event scheduled for January 29, 2026. Registration, sponsorship, and donation opportunities are available. Third Friday events will not be held this month.

**Tara Cockman (Capital Area Healthy Start Coalition):** Provided updates on Connect services, fatherhood programming (Team Dad), community doula services, and fetal and infant mortality review initiatives. She announced an upcoming holiday fundraiser on December 6, 2025, and an open house scheduled for January 21 or 24, 2026 (date to be confirmed).

**Stephanie Cash (Healthy Families Franklin/Wakulla/Gulf):** Reported on Healthy Families home visiting services and noted a vacancy in the Wakulla County home visitor position due to a recent promotion.

**Amber Volano (211 Big Bend/Help Me Grow):** Reminded members that 2-1-1 services are available 24/7 for community support and referrals.

**Rev. Renita Dixon (Unity in the Community):** Requested increased community and faith-based participation and expressed interest in collaboration opportunities.

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Rebecca Sahar moved to adjourn the meeting. Caden Gruebel seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

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### Next Meeting

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January 7, 2026 at 12:30 pm at Wakulla County Public Library & Virtually