



WCCY MINUTES

Wakulla County Coalition for Youth

Date | time 02/05/2025 12:30 pm-1:30 p.m. | Meeting called to order by Rebecca Sahar

In Attendance

Cindy Wilson, Luke Pifer, Rebecca Sahar, Regina McQueen, Lottie Roy, Laretta Compton, Jenniffer Masters, Amanda Gruebel, Caden Gruebel, Josh Lawhon, Amy Bryan, Marquesas Blimes, Anne Bozik, Kaizsa Threath, Novella Franklin, Anissa Southall, Stephanie Cash, Melonie Hendry, Lisa Sherry, Byron Wade, Genesis Knight, Nicole Dempsey, Margaret Waldbauer, Danielle Cimino, Tammy Boone, Jana McCommon, Lori Fewell, Cierra Soper

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from December Meeting – Regina McQueen and Lottie Roy Approved

Agenda Items/Presentation

1. Vice President Nominations:

- Nominations will be postponed until next month's meeting. Email Karen at: hello@wccy.org for questions.

2. Laretta Compton on Future Leaders of Wakulla:

- Gave an update on their project, "Fresh 'N Shine" and a count of hygiene items that have been donated so far. These items are being collected for Wakulla students in need.
- Items are still being collected. You may view the Amazon Wish List here: <https://tinyurl.com/457nyz2p>
- Items can be sent to or dropped off at the Wakulla Extension office located at: 84 Cedar Ave through mid-February; they are also accepting cash and/or gift cards to allow FLOW to purchase these items for the project.

3. Cindy Wilson on Drug-Free Communities Grant:

- Karen Zak and Bonnie Wertenberger are currently at the CADCA National Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C.
- Karen Zak will begin teaching the *Too Good For Drugs* program at COAST Charter to 4th and 5th grade students starting February 12th for ten weeks. The goal for each grant year is to teach 200 kids the TGFD curriculum. She will also partner with 4-H this summer to teach TGFD at their Teen Fit Camp for 4 weeks.
- Social Norms Poster #4 in our "Join the Crowd" campaign is being displayed in February.
- Parent Information Kiosk: February's theme is: "Planting Seeds of Greatness" which will showcase topics for parents on communication, setting boundaries, and fostering independence.
- Parent Facebook Page: *Parent Connection* currently has 54 members with a goal of at least 100.
- We will be reapplying for the STOP Act grant which will provide more resources for WCCY to expand its capacity/reach and target underage alcohol use, specifically.

4. Regina McQueen on Fundraising and Bylaws Committees:

- Committee meetings will be coming soon.

County Report

Josh Lawhon: No new updates.

Sheriff Report

Lt. Tom Mallon: Valentines Day Parade is 2/8, Special Olympics at the high school is 2/13, and the African American Heritage Parade is 2/15

School District Report

Amy Bryan: *Who We Play For* partnered with our schools to administer student EKG screenings. 450 students were screened and of that amount, 3 required follow-ups and 2 were found to be high-risk. WCSB plans to make this an annual initiative. WCSB just completed their Youth Mental Health First Aid training for 32 new people. The Mid-Year Climate survey is available on the WCSB website and is due 2/14. Special Olympics will be at the WHS on 2/13. School holidays are 2/14 and 2/17.

Treasurer Report

Regina McQueen: Currently working on creating a financial report. Recent expenses: Wakulla Co Chamber dues \$145, and 4H Gala Tickets \$150. We have also submitted our *Solicitation of Contributions Annual Renewal* which will allow us to collect funds once we start our fundraising committee.

Partner Reports

Marquesas Blimes (FAAST, Inc): FAAST is Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology and they serve kids with disabilities by providing technology to help them live more independently and learn more independently.

Anne Bozik (SEDNET): SEDNET works with community and state agencies to assist families and students at Tier 2 and Tier 3 needs, including local review team meetings, or community action meetings. They also assist in problem solving with ESE directors, etc.

Anissa Southall (Wakulla TSC): Wakulla TSC offers free health care programs for students, as well as certificates in high demand industries/fields to jump start them into the workforce. Between the Gadsden Center and Wakulla Center, they have their largest class to date. Call 850-558-3525 for more information.

Stephanie Cash (Healthy Families Franklin/Wakulla/Gulf): Housed out of the Wakulla DOH, they offer in-home parent support and coaching services that are free of charge.

Kaizsa Threatt (MADD): 10th annual Walk Like MADD walk is coming up in April with details coming closer to the event.

Lisa Sherry (DISC Village): DISC Village was awarded a new grant, "Project COPE" which will help them care for people in emergencies (with a focus on hurricane survivors in Wakulla).

Genesis Knight (CareerSource): Hiring Fair is Friday, February 7th at their Wakulla office from 9-11 AM.

Rebecca Sahar (Wakulla County Public Library):

Weekly Programs: Tuesdays Book Bunch 10-11AM (2.5 years - Pre-K age); Wednesdays Book Babies 10-11AM (Newborn - 2.5 Years).

Monthly Programs: Saturday, February 1st 9:30-10:30AM Family Storytime (Kids of all ages & accompanied by an adult caregiver); 1st Thursday - Math Night 5:30-6:30PM (2nd-8th grades) - Math concepts taught through gameplay; 2nd Thursday - Middle Manga 5-6PM (5th-8th grades) - Manga & Anime Book Club for Middle Schoolers; 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - Lego Club 4-5:30PM (All Ages) - We supply the Lego's you bring the imagination; 3rd Thursday - Teen

Manga 5-6PM (9th-12th grades) - Manga & Anime Book Club for High Schoolers; Saturday, Feb 22nd - R.E.A.D Therapy Dogs 10AM-12PM (kids of All Ages); Friday, February 28th - New Family Game Night 4-5:30PM (For Families) We supply the games and they bring the family.

Special Programs: Wednesday evenings from January 22-February 12th - Kids Tech 4-week Workshop for CodeCombat 4:30-5:30PM (SchoolAge kids 10+) an educational video game that teaches computer science and programming languages through gameplay.

Margaret Waldbauer (Wakulla DOH): Family Fun Day will be 4/26 at Hudson Park. Anyone who is interested in setting up a vendor booth, contact Kayleen at: Kayleen.Pafford@flhealth.gov. Also, a part-time position for a Health Educator will be opening soon.

Danielle Cimino (Wakulla 4-H): Wakulla Wonderful is 3/8 between 10 AM – 2 PM – to sign up as a vendor, contact Danielle at: d.cimino@ufl.edu.

Caden Gruebel (Wakulla 4-H County Council and FLOW): Deeply Rooted in the Hands of Time update – he was able to interview 5 residents. Come see the finished product of this project at Wakulla Wonderful on 3/8.

Lottie Roy (LWREA and Alpha Delta Kappa of Florida): LWREA and Alpha Delta Kappa donated many items for FLOW's hygiene project; there were no 5th grade entries for the Florida Retired Educators Association essay contest this year; on 2/14, the 'Cupid's Crew' of LWREA will be delivering roses to Eden Springs residents.

Next Meeting

March 5th, 2024 at 12:30 pm at Wakulla County Public Library & Virtually