



### **Minutes – Collaborative Meeting, Friday, May 9, 2025**

The meeting of Fannin County Family Connection Collaborative was held Friday, May 9, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. In Attendance: Mark Snoddy, Victoria Walker, Amber Johnson, Edward Murrey, Madison Brown, Robin Davenport, Cate Koerner, Kim Berger, Janice Glascock, Bianca Milan, Jason Turner, Sharmell Norman, Hope Burns, Jeff Milway, Tara Cantrell, Melaine Davis, Anjelica Gibson, Mark Knowles, Amanda Russell, Lori Kantner, Tanya Castro, Tom Niswander, Jacqueline McKee, and Mandi Hyde.

Tom Niswander, FCFC Board Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Introductions were made by those present. Attendees were asked to look over the minutes from April 11, 2025, for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes and then seconded; the minutes were approved without correction.

The speaker for the meeting was Tara Cantrell with Fannin County School System. Tara spoke about the school systems McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance. There are about 165 students in the county that are considered homeless. A lack of fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence is the definition of homelessness for students. That includes living with other relatives, in hotels, motels, RV parks or campgrounds, emergency shelters, transitional shelters, sleeping in public places like restaurants, abandon houses/buildings, parks, cars, and bus/train stations. It also includes sub-standard housing, which is a house without heat/air, running water, or structural issues. Migratory children who are in any of the above situations qualify. The student is allowed to attend the local school or school of origin if in the county, receive help with transportation to school, and have access to the same programs & services as all the other students.

### **Community Calendar**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> – Poured for a Purpose – Habitat for Humanity at Roo Vineyards 4:00 – 7:00**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> – Dinner with a Purpose – Healing Farm Foundation @ General Ledger 6PM**

**May 16<sup>th</sup> – FCFC Board Meeting**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – Library Book Sale at BRMC**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – Arts in the Park**

**2nd & 3rd week in June – Blue Ridge Community Theater Sunny D Camp**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> – Her Hope Walk at Rec Center**

**June 10<sup>th</sup> – Financial Literacy Night**

**June 12<sup>th</sup> – Family Care Support Group Meeting @ FCFC 1:00 pm**

**June 12<sup>th</sup> – Pre-School Morning Out Program @ FCFC 10:30 am**

**June 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> – PEAKS Summer Camp**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> – COLLABORATIVE**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandi Hyde