



TO:	GC3-Mental Health Alliance
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SUBJECT:	MHA Meeting Summary
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We extend our gratitude to all who attended the Mental Health Alliance meeting for the Greenwood Counts Community Consortium. Here's a concise summary of the key points discussed during the meeting:

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Justo Chalaire welcomed the LFHA Members and initiated introductions, including Janet Phelps, Anthony Price, Kayla Livingston, Jessica Seel, Liz Demeo, Niki Bowie, Dray Wideman, Nita Donald, and himself.

2. Organization Updates:

- Liz DeMeo from DHEC announced a GoodLife program that is currently ran in Abbeville but could be in Greenwood, SC. The GOODLIFE was designed to address risk and promote protective factors in multiple contexts including building individual resiliency (Merriam-Webster, 2022) in youth that will help ameliorate biological and psychological characteristics which may make them vulnerable to behavioral health issues for elementary, middle, and high school students, including a train-the-trainer option.
- Nita Donald From Upstate AHEC shared that they are a non-profit committed to connecting students to health careers, healthcare professionals to communities, communities to better health.
- Justo shared with the group that about 200 people were served at the United Center for Community Care in collaboration with 7 community partners to offer legal services, benefits enrollment, job search, food, and health insurance enrollment.

3. GC3 Survey

- Justo Chalaire provided an update on the GC3 Community Survey. The survey reached 380 respondents and is now closed. Insights on Age, Education, and Healthcare access were shared. The GC3 Data and Analytics Team is meeting October 12th to begin analysis and a final report should be done by December.

4. ACE's Training:

- Anthony Price revisited our conversation on launching an ACES training through the Mental Health Alliance. He shared the need based on high ACE's reports in South Carolina. A focus population for training business leaders, teachers, providers, and local government. We have 5 alliance members certified to train. The estimated date for ACE's training will be in the month of February.

5. National, State, and Local Data:

- Justo C. presented significant mental health statistics, highlighting issues such as suicide rates, childhood mental disorders, and the prevalence of mental illnesses in South Carolina and Greenwood.

Action Items Resulting from the Meeting:

- Kayla Livingston to confirm ACE's Training date for February.
- All Alliance Members to recruit community to attend meetings.
- Justo to send Doodle Poll with ideal times for alliance meeting.
- Change MHA meeting times to one hour.
- Justo and Jessical Seel to recruit GAC members to alliance meetings.
- Anthony Price to contact Faith-Based leaders to join ACE's training and alliance meetings.
- Jessica Seel to secure snacks/coffee/beverages for meetings.
- At our next meeting, focus on data review, listening sessions, and marketing for ACE's training.
- Attend the next Mental Health Alliance meeting on November 2nd.

Zoom Link:

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