



GREENWOOD  
COUNTS  
COMMUNITY  
CONSORTIUM

<b>TO:</b>	GC3-Mental Health Alliance
<b>FROM:</b>	Jessica Seel, SC Office of Rural Health
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	MHA Meeting Summary
<b>DATE:</b>	November 2, 2023

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:

- **Welcome and Introductions:**

Justo Chalaire welcomed the LFHA Members and initiated introductions. In attendance: Justo Chalaire, Anthony Price, Jessica Seel, Kayla Livingston, Shannon Rose, Paulette Dunn, Lane Hardwick, Janet Phelps

Virtual: Elizabeth DeMeo, Jennifer Lindler, Michael Mahaffey, Lucia Beaton, Nita Donald, Andrea Wendell, A'Netra Hardy

- **Organization Updates:**

- SC Legal Services offers free legal services to low wealth and domestic violence victims. Grant to help those facing foreclosures. Have more flexibility with income on this grant. Special grant for those 60 and above.

- **ACE's Training:**

- We have a date for the ACEs training which is 2/19/2024. Talking with Piedmont Technical College about hosting at a neutral location. This meeting will take place during lunchtime. The aim is to reach business leaders, government leaders, educators, and faith-based leaders.
- We will need everyone to support getting the word out and marketing this event.
- Lucia offered to do a Spanish track for the community. Anthony suggested doing and English and Spanish version to the community.
- The first training is more informational. We will need to consider dates after the initial meeting to have community-wide trainings.

- **National, State, and Local Data:**

- Justo took a deeper dive looking at survey results. The survey focused on health equity, mental health, and food insecurity. The workgroup met to begin evaluation of data. Justo presented a power point with overall survey results. The group discussed issues they are seeing in the community around access to medications. Specifically,

around the prescribing of specific medications. Kayla mentioned the specific issues around ADHD medications.

- **Action Plan:**

- The group agreed that prioritizing internal mental health and mental health-focused operations within their organizations is essential before external efforts.

- **GC3 Community Survey:**

- Currently, 237 responses have been collected, with a goal of reaching 400. Discussion focused on strategies for obtaining more responses within the community and organizations.

- **Community Listening Sessions:**

- Justo presented three proposed probe questions for the listening session questions focusing on identification of needs and challenges and potential solutions. Anthony mentioned beginning with targeted professionals first before working with the community in general to help determine what to focus on with the community. A suggestion was made to have a richer discussion to ask exactly what they are seeing we may not know. The group suggested listening sessions for each sector. A proposal was made to attend the city and county council meetings to promote this work. Anthony is going to try to get on the December council meeting.

**Action Items Resulting from the Meeting:**

- Justo will send just mental health slides
- Next meeting, we will have a date for county council meetings. If anyone has access to data, please send to Justo to pull together for a presentation.