

## The TRUST Partnership Meeting Minutes

**Friday, March 31, 2023**

A meeting of the TRUST Partnership was held at Southern Eagle Distribution on March 31, 2023. Stephanie Bell, Executive Director for Pierce County Family Connections presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. 40 partners attended the meeting.

### ***Greetings/Introductions***

Stephanie B. led those attending in a prayer. During partner introductions, Hollard Phillips, with Action Pact, shared that the FDA has approved an over-the-counter version of Narcan.

### ***Group Thoughts***

Becki Johnson, with Unison Behavioral Health, shared with the partners attending how triggers can affect one's recovery journey. She noted that it is important to acknowledge this and gave a few examples such as alcohol or tobacco advertisements.

### ***Story of Recovery***

Sarah Jumper, Harm Reduction Chair for TRUST, shared her personal story of recovery from substance use disorder.

### ***Committee Updates***

Emily Allen, Grant Project Coordinator with the Southeast Health District, invited each committee chair or co-chair to share any updates.

*Harm Reduction Committee:* Emily shared that the Harm Reduction Committee has been attending the State Harm Reduction Zoom meetings. She also shared that the committee is working on creating a calendar for meetings in the tri-county area (Pierce, Brantley and Ware) for those in recovery such as AA meetings, NA meetings, recovery groups, and faith-based recovery groups.

*Prevention Education Committee:* Maggie Santana, Community Awareness Coordinator/Victim Advocate for Satilla Advocacy Services, shared that the prevention education committee met on March 6, 2023. She shared that in the meeting they discussed specific awareness days to focus on as a coalition and community outreach strategies. Maggie also mentioned that the committee has discussed creating an acronym to help train emergency personal and staff. Lastly, she invited anyone to join the committee and shared that the next committee meeting is April 10, 2023 at 12pm at the Ware County Health Department.

*Communications Committee:* Katie Hadden, Public Information Officer for the Southeast Health district, and Chandler McGee Communications Specialist for the Southeast Health District, shared that they are working on a PSA for TRUST. They gave out a survey, and after presenting a variety of PSA options to the partners, asked each partner to vote on the top two that they thought pertained most to our area.

*Law Enforcement/First Responders Committee:* Michelle Lee, Deputy Director and Pierce County EMA/Fire, shared that the committee met on March 9, 2023. Michelle reported that they have discussed

ideas for the DEA Take Back Day on April 22, 2023. She also mentioned that she has reached out to Camden County to get ideas for this event. Jason Lee, Investigator for Brantley County Sheriff's Office, shared the challenges with the current process in Brantley County for the Drug Take Back Drop Box and transferring the drugs.

***Break:***

After the break, Ambi Bess, Public Health Analyst and Opioid Overdose Prevention Program Manager for the Southeast Health District, invited two partners from Garden Gate to share their concerns about events happening in Bacon County. They explained that SUD/ODU is a huge problem in Bacon County. They urged TRUST partners to reach out to the Sheriff in Bacon County and invite him to a meeting. One suggestion they gave was to aid people in the jails and get them the resources they need to have more opportunities once they get out.

***Addiction and Child Abuse/Neglect:***

Maggie S. gave a presentation about Satilla Advocacy Services. In the presentation, Maggie defined the four types of child abuse, physical, sexual, emotional and neglect. She also shared the statistics for child abuse in Georgia. Maggie also pointed out the link between child abuse and substance misuse. Maggie stated that "1 in 8 children in the United States live with at least 1 parent who abuses alcohol or other drugs." Maggie ended the presentation by asking for questions and sharing her contact information.

***Resources Activity:***

Stephanie B. led the partners in a group activity to help the TRUST begin to develop a resource guide. The partners split into groups then shared the community resources with everyone.

***Community Resources Shared:***

- Satilla Advocacy Services
- Cord of 3 Counseling
- Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS)
- Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
- Family Connections (Pierce, Brantley, and Ware)
- Bethesda Recovery
- Magnolia House
- AA Meetings-Hoboken
- NA Meetings-Waycross Grace Episcopal
- Celebrate Recovery-Remnant Thursdays @7pm
- Teen IMPACT
- Joshua Tree Counseling
- The Hanger
- Don't Use Alone 1-800-484-3731
- Unison Behavioral Health
- Action Pact
- GAP House in Brantley
- HUD-rental assistance program
- Big Umbrella Counseling
- ONE Church
- Bridges for Hope (Men and Women)-Homerville
- LIFE-Living Independence for Everyone
- Sweet Water Homeless Shelter
- National Suicide Hotline 988
- Unison St. Illa Center
- Supportive Employment
- Freedom Through Recovery (RCO): 226 S. Zetterower Ave. Statesboro, GA 30458
- LeeLee's Place: Women's long-term (Over 1-year)
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*Food Resources Shared:*

- DC Down Town
- The Refinery of Waycross
- Brighter Days
- Pierce County Food Pantry
- Housing Options
- NA meeting lists
- More Sponsors/Peers
- Child Care-CAPs DFCS

*Needs:*

**Adjourn:**

Pierce County Family Connections provided lunch.

Stephanie B. called the meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Emily Allen, Grant Project Coordinator  
Recording Secretary for Meeting 3/31/2023