

Meeting Minutes
Progressive Referral Group
Thursday, February 2nd , 2023
Deb's Corner Café

President: Brenda Carney
Vice President: Dawn Walker
Treasurer: Jesse Hamilton
Secretary: Mark Bohach

Members Present: Greg-American Eagle Mortgage, Brenda-APG Media, Jessica-Bruce Chiropractic, Mike- Fairfield Heating & Cooling, Dawn- FAIRHOPE Hospice, Sean- Focus Realty & Mgt, Joy-Friendly Bremen Bank, Rich-Hall's Culligan, Philip- Home Instead, Cheryl- Lancaster-Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce, Dave Y-Minuteman Press, Jeff- MMA Insurance-Health Benefits, Matt Harvey- MMA Insurance-Personal Lines, David-National Telehealth Solutions, Wayne-New Way Carpet Cleaning Services, Jesse-Ruff & Associates, Colleen-Taylor Rental-Party Plus, Mark- WLOH-The Wolf

Treasurer's Report: \$6,244.08 with 8 outstanding invoices. Approval- Motion- Jeff M. Second- Philip S. Approved.

Referrals Given: 10

Talked to someone as a result of a referral: 11

Discussed PRGL with someone outside the group: 9

New Business:

- Julie Bolyard from The Ridge is medically restricted to working from home and will be unable to attend meetings for the time being.

Old Business:

- Status of membership of Connexion West- tabled for now.

Announcements:

- **There are two upcoming Bridal Shows-**
Saturday 2-25-23 at Alley Park
Saturday 3-4-23 at The Mill Event Center
- **Antique Tractor Show- Sunday 2-19-23 at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds- AAA and Ed Sands Buildings.**

Acknowledgements:

- Sean thanked Dave from Minuteman Press for the signs he made for Focus Realty Management.

Speaker: Jeanette Curtis from Fairfield County 211 (Information and Referral of Fairfield County)

Fairfield County 211 is a non-profit organization that refers callers to available service providers in Fairfield County. They do not fund or administer the services to which they refer. 211 is available to all persons in Fairfield County but the majority of calls received is from low income persons in need. Food Assistance is the largest need they see. There were over 22,000 food assistance referrals made in 2022. They also refer older adults to Meals on Wheels.

They also operate the 24 hour mental health hotline- 740-687-TALK (8255). This is a live answer center. This also captured calls made to the national suicide prevention hotline originating from our area. The new national suicide line- 988 is also now included in the calls received.

Information and Referral also provided community outreach- going out to locations where services are needed.

They also provide Organizational Payee Services- managing Social Security income for payees. Caseload is currently 110 individuals with a waiting list.

The newest service is Mobility Management- how to improve transportation overall. This includes accessibility issues such as sidewalks. The focus is on economic development in the county.

Jeanette also acknowledged that homelessness is an issue in Fairfield County and they have Project Housecall- a listing of available housing options.

Respectfully submitted by
Mark Bohach, Secretary of PRGL