

## WORKGROUP ON ADOLESCENT AND CHILD HEALTH

December 7, 2022  
MEETING MINUTES

### THOSE ATTENDING

Alicia Street, GCDSS

Bob Stephens, GCHD

Jennifer Brenneman, GCHD

Shelley Argabrite, GCHD

Mark Shrout, Lighthouse

Amber King, Wellspring

Fred Polce, Jr., GCHD

Dr. Jenny Corder, GCHD

Susan Mills, GCHD

Sabrina Tasker, GCMH

Amy Richie, GCHD

Heather Cooper, GCHD

John Corbin, GCHD

Dr. Karl Schwalm

Mary VanSickle, GCPS

Dr. Schwalm has decided to step down as the chairperson of this group. He is willing to help the next person get started and with the teen pregnancy topic. He is asking others to discern if this is something they can take on by themselves or as co-chairpersons.

Heather reported that there was a School Health Council meeting last week, but many key players were missing. The success of the flu vaccine in the schools and the Healthy Family numbers of teen moms they are serving was discussed. Healthy Families numbers from 7/1 - 11/21/22 showed 13 teen mothers aged 19 and under enrolled in the program. In 2022, WIC has 16 adolescent mothers enrolled.

Dr. Fridkin is planning an educational meeting for the medical society to discuss ideas and to produce a collective idea on how to address this issue.

The topic of school based clinics was discussed. Mineral County has begun clinics in conjunction with Potomac Valley Hospital, one school at a time. At the last medical staff meeting at GRMC, the topic arose and Mark Boucot asked for local numbers.

Bob suggested that this be addressed with the board of education and Barb Baker. With the proposed school realignments, construction could include an area for a clinic. Bob is willing to open dialog with the schools. John will look into other county and state models and how they are tackling teen pregnancy and report at the next meeting.

### CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

Dr. Schwalm spoke to Kelly Rock, a psychiatric nurse practitioner that works for the hospital. She is doing a study on faith based communities, the health aspects, and how they can be involved in the things we do. She found you need to find champions within the congregations, not necessarily ministers/pastors.

Maria Frantz with Mountain Laurel spoke to Cherry Glade leadership and discussed ideas for a program. Things need to be clarified before they would be willing to pursue this.

Dr. Schwalm asked everyone to brainstorm before the next meeting and list other committees and how each may fit into others to possibly reorganize.

*The meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth A. Brenneman