
Community Advisory Board

Thursday, 02.26.2026

Attendees

Mrs. Kenney *Superintendent*

Mr. Fields *Assistant Superintendent*

Mrs. Fisher *Volunteer Service Coordinator*

Chad Robinson *Foodbank*

Ms. Sewell *Behavioral Health Clinician*

Sarah Ciano *Christiana Care DYRS Contractor*

Ed Fountain *Community Partner/Guest Speaker*

John Schmidt *Delaware Council on Gambling Problems*

Katie Joseph *Hope View Haven*

Mr. Rawley *Recreation Leader*

Ms. Zorn *Administrative Specialist*

Agenda

Building Updates


1. Excellent ACA Audit!
2. Staffing availability and the current frequency of interviews
3. Current Resident population
4. Assistant Superintendent position - Mr. Fields
5. Current programming within the facility

Community Partner updates

1. What each agency has to offer both our families and the residents currently with us.
 2. Community Gaps of needs.
 3. How Stevenson House can support.
 4. What we can ALL do together!
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Notes

- **FoodBank of Delaware**
 - Different available programs for residents and their families to get them certified (culinary and trades)
 - The need for food assistance and the increased numbers of gaps, especially since COVID.
 - Re-opening of the SHDC pantry and that families can use the Milford location once a month as well!
 - Documentation requirements for pantry use at SHDC
- **Hope View Haven**
 - Program coming after spring break as a 8 week program for a select few residents (6).
 - Best for longer stay residents as they can attend the entirety of the program
 - Not just society and higher level residents, think of residents who would do well and thrive.
- **John Schmidt & Ed Fountain**
 - Continued conversations about bridging the gap of a juvenile facility and DOC.
 - Needs of the residents (especially life skills!)
 - DE Council on Gambling may be able to broaden the meetings to finances, some life skills.
 - Expressed the connection between John & Ed and how the kids genuinely enjoy their visits and conversations.
- **Christiana Care**
 - Nurses have time in contracts for education to facilities
 - Continue to visit and offer specific educational topics
 - Currently have a nutritionist that visits and meets with specific kids, but other community education may be available to aid the residents.
- **Overall Supports to our Residents**
 - Possibly allow longer staying residents to have more of a helping hand during programs they may have attended prior to.

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- Life skills to aid in better transition into the community or their futures (basic skills!)
 - Teaching and allowing residents to learn empathy, emotional, and social skills in healthy ways
 - View them as a whole person, not based on their charges or pasts rather asking “what happened to get you to this point”
 - Quality of Life
 - Support at home, for the families
 - Facilities can offer stability to our residents but the issue arises when they leave and do go back to their environments.
 - Creating a sense of confidence within the residents to aid in the change.

Meeting minutes prepared by Volunteer Service Coordinator, Savannah Fisher.