



MCRC Weekly Newsletter January 13, 2022

Notable Notes From the Region

-New Clerk for the Sampson County Board of Commissioners: On Monday, January 9, Stephanie Shannon was officially sworn in as the new clerk to the Sampson County Board of Commissioners. Ms. Shannon replaces longtime clerk and Assistant County Manager Susan Holder after her retirement from the position in December. Ms. Shannon has worked for Sampson County since 2017 when she was hired as an administrative assistant following her graduation from East Carolina University. Congratulations Stephanie!

-Harnett County to Participate in National Program: The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance has selected several community leaders in Harnett County for the inaugural class of the Reaching Rural: Advancing Collaborative Solutions Initiative. The initiative is designed to focus on the overdose crisis effecting the region by building local partnerships and developing collaborative, innovative solutions that will benefit communities. Among the community leaders tapped to join this initiative are Coley Price from the County Manager's Office and Jeffrey Armstrong from the County Sheriff's Office. The initiative, which began in December will last a year as it looks to foster real, measurable change in the region.



Lead For NC Announcement

The Lead for North Carolina program is currently taking applications from host governments to sponsor a Lead for NC Fellow next year. The program works to

place "Fellows" in local governments throughout the state in order to increase their capacity. The goal is to strengthen local governments, support local communities, and cultivate a new generation of public service leaders. If you have any interest in hosting a Lead for NC Fellow starting on August 1 this year, complete [this application](#) by February 8. For any questions about the Lead for NC program, or what the fellowship entails, please contact aresnick@mccog.org.



Mid-Carolina Regional Roundtable

This year, the Mid-Carolina Regional Council will be hosting quarterly Regional Roundtables, which will give elected officials and local leaders the opportunity to connect, engage, and share ideas. Join us for our first Regional Roundtable this Wednesday, January 18 at the Harnett County Resource Center and Library (455 McKinney Parkway Lillington, NC 27546). If you plan on attending this event, please RSVP to either swullenwaber@mccog.org or jhembree@mccog.org. We hope to see you there!



Office Closure Reminder:

This a reminder that the Mid-Carolina Regional Council offices will be closed on January 16 for the MLK Holiday. We will reopen for normal business hours beginning on Tuesday, January 17.

Upcoming COG Events

Wednesday, January 18: Tai Chi for Memory, 1:00-2:00 PM, held every Monday and Wednesday until March 27, Mid-Carolina Regional Council 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304. Registration is required. Please contact Barbara White at bwhite@mccog.org or 910-323-4191, ext. 28 or Carla Smith at 910-323-4191, ext. 23. For more information, please [click here](#).

Wednesday, January 18: Mid-Carolina Regional Roundtable, 6:00-7:00 PM Harnett County Resource Center & Library, 455 McKinney Pkwy, Lillington, NC 27546. If you plan on attending the event, please RSVP at swullenwaber@mccog.org or jhembree@mccog.org.

Thursday, January 19: Sampson County Caregiver's Academy "Helping Those Who Help Others", Grandparents Support Group at 11:00am, Information Sharing and Activities at 1:00pm, Basic Computer Class at 2:30pm, 307 East Main St., Clinton, NC 28328. Registration is required. For more information, please contact bwhite@mccog.org or pmclymore@mccog.org.

Thursday, January 19: Cumberland County Caregiver Support Group, 12:00 PM-1:30 PM, Mid-Carolina Regional Council 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304. Registration is required. The Family Caregiver Education and Support Group provides a supportive and educational environment to enhance the caregiver & family understanding of Alzheimer's & Dementia or related cognitive impairments. Please RSVP to Barbara A. White, 910-323-4191, ext. 28, bwhite@mccog.org or to Carla Smith, 910-323-4191, ext. 23, csmith@mccog.org. To view the flyer for the event, please [click here](#).

Thursday, January 19: Mid-Carolina Regional Council Board of Directors Meeting, 12:00 PM, Mid-Carolina Regional Council 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

Monday, January 23: Adult Mental Health First Aid, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mid-Carolina

Regional Council 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304. ALGEE 8 Contact Hours Continuing Education, \$25 cost for materials. Free lunch provided
Contact: Chaplain Lisa DeCandia, L.n.decandia@gmail.com, 910-885-1479
To view flyer, please [click here](#).

Wednesday, January 25: Mid-Carolina Rural Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting, 1:00 PM, Mid-Carolina Regional Council 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

Thursday, January 26: Cumberland County Grandparent Support Group, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM, 4221 Black Bridge Rd., Hope Mills, NC 28348. Are you a grandparent raising grandchildren? We have a support group just for you! For more information, please contact Barbara White at bwhite@mccog.org or 910-323-4191, ext. 28.



UNC School of Government Worthwhile Reads

A Parliamentary Procedure Primer: Part 2 – Motions
(Published 12/20/22) Read [here](#).

FMLA Matters: Fitness-for-Duty Certifications at the Conclusion of FMLA Leave
(Published 12/19/22) Read [here](#).

FMLA Matters: What Does It Mean to Be a "Key Employee"?
(Published 1/04/23) Read [here](#).

ARP Basics Resources
(Published 1/10/23) Read [here](#).



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Mid-Carolina Council of Governments is a multi-county, planning, development, and human services organization. We reach across county and municipal borders to provide technical assistance to our local governments and to administer programs that benefit our

region's citizens. Our mission is to provide creative regional solutions to relevant and emerging issues in Cumberland, Harnett, and Sampson Counties while providing a standard of excellence in the delivery of federal, state, and regional services for our local governments and the people they serve.

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