

**Fairfield Community Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes, October 8, 2003**

Chairperson: Sarah McMaster

Members Present: Valdon Walker, Jr. (Martin Center), Patti Wilkes (First Steps), Frankie O'Neal (DELC), Joel Nelson (Martin Center), Cheryl Caldwell (Parenting Resource Center), Larry Dozier (FMH), Greg Slater (Fairfield Ministerial Association), Eliza Boulware (Behavioral Health Services), Diane Perry (Behavioral Health Services), De Vetta Myles (Y.O.U.T.H.), Eric Hartley (FCMHC), Brenda Jackson (Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition), Sandy Kammermann (Martin Center), Pelham Lyles (Fairfield County Museum), Linda Tucker (DSS), Jean Govan (Palmetto Primary Health Care).

I. Meeting called to order 11:35 am

II. Introductions

III. Approval of Minutes: Valdon Walker moved we accept the minutes. Patti Wilkes seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

IV. Officers Reports

- a. Chair: Sarah McMaster, no report
- b. Vice-Chair: Pelham Lyles, not present
- c. Secretary: Sandy Kammermann, no report
- d. Treasurer: Cori Cantey, not present, \$795. 88
- e. FCHP Representative: Linda Tucker no report.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Executive: did not meet
- b. Youth & Families: Mr. Walker reported the subcommittee met, October 1st. Networking done among members. Martin Center gave a Right Weigh to Health Campaign update. Mark Talbert from Clemson Extension is continuing to do work with youth leadership club. The club plans to do some landscaping around the Council on Aging's new building.
- c. Nutrition: Ms. Kammermann reported that the subcommittee met, October 2nd. The committee sponsored a successful booth at Rock Around the Clock with the help of the School Food Service Director, Laura Oliver. She was able to contact vendors to donate water and fruit juice that was given out. There was also a little theatre for children to watch nutrition videos and coloring books and crayons were given out.
- d. Membership: Frankie O'Neal reported there would be a membership push in November.

VI. Continuing Business

- A. Website: Sarah McMaster gave a demonstration of the FCCC website.
- B. Brochures: There are copies of the brochures on Housing, food, shelter, teens, etc that were created by FCCC stored at the Parenting Center. Ms. McMaster asks that everyone look at brochures to update name changes and delete those that are not in business anymore. We want to make some changes before we put them on the website.
We can do that at the end of the meeting. Want them in a format that we could easily update. Then they can be printed off the website. If someone wants to print an application for membership they can also get it from the website.
One benefit of membership is access to the list serve. You can make announcements using this list if you are a dues paying member of FCCC. The list serve should allow for an attachment to the emails also. Ms. Wilkes is also posting the most recent minutes on the website.

VII. New Business

- A. Eric Hartley asked if anyone had an agreement to provide disaster counseling in the event of a disaster in the county. Members suggested he contact Phyllis Watkins, Interim Director of Emergency Preparedness .

VIII. Program

- A. Cheryl Caldwell – Director of Parenting Resource Center of the Fairfield Count Schools.

Located at 104 Old Camden Road in the old district office. Ms. Caldwell is director of Parenting and Literacy programs. They are trying to get parents more involved in their children's activities. There are parenting rooms in each school in the county. She is trying to get all of them used more as they are not really being used. If anyone has ideas of incentives and suggestions to get parents to visit schools she would be interested in hearing them. At PRC they offer parenting classes. This morning they had a class of teenagers at the high school that are parents. Only 9 attended but there are many more teens that are parents. They meet with them once/month. The PRC also has workshops of different kinds. There is a lot of activity at the center in the evenings. Computer classes are held at night. Some computer classes for are designed for Hispanic families. There are some laptops available for check-out by parents. They have some educational software. Parent/child activities scheduled. There are workshops of learning activities held by 2 teachers. They distribute a Calendar of things parents can do each day. One goal is to build partnerships between parents and schools. Palmetto Healthy Start and Behavioral Health Services have both offered services and workshops at the PRC. The center is still recruiting parents that want to learn to read. The PRC still coordinates continuing education for Day Care Center Director's with the library. The phone number of the PRC is 635-5999

IX. Networking:

1. **Pelham Lyles** announced that the Fairfield County museum has a load of pumpkins to sell. They just want to charge enough to pay the farmer back. Call 635-9811.
Barn Again Celebration: Living on the Farm is the theme. Have lots of groups doing presentations. In May, a major Smithsonian Exhibit will be here. The Oral History project is going on. There will be a workshop soon and they will soon start taking oral histories. In November, the Women's Club is sponsoring a "Walkabout Ghost Tour."
The Pine Tree Players is sponsoring a historic Storytelling Night at the playhouse theater. They would like to get kids involved in theater. The annual Candle Light Open tour of the museum for Christmas will be December 5th & 8th. A Professor from USC is looking for old photos of Fairfield County to include in a book. If you have photos to share, he will scan photos.
2. **Eliza Boulware**, Project Coordinator of Smoking Cessation Classes, Fairfield Behavioral Health Services announced: Tuesdays, free quit smoking classes are being held at FMH. A class is going on right now. Nov. 20th is Great American SmokeOut. A week of special events will be held.
3. **Diane Perry** announced that Fathers Matter is refunded for one more year through TANIFF dollars. There are 24 participants now. A recognition banquet was held recently. Thanks those who have assisted over the years. They still need referrals of young men ages 18 – 35 that have children.
4. **Devetta Miles** of YOUTH announced that Second Chance has a program that works with middle and high school parents promoting abstinence. There is also a teen pregnancy prevention program, promoting abstinence. Y.O.U.T.H. has 110 kids in the programs now. Target ages 8 – 18. They accept referrals from anyone. Call 635-2736.
5. **Brenda Jackson**, introduced herself as the new Coordinator of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition. She will soon have an office in the local Health Department.
6. **Sandy Kammermann** of the Martin Primary Health Care Center announced that the Weight Control Group that started in September is still going on. New members can still join. A new series of Prenatal Classes just started and will run through November.
7. **Sarah McMaster**, Director of the Library, announced that there are a number of children's programs going on. There are brochures about the programs at the library if anyone would like some for their offices. 3rd Tues in October, a series of programs by Dr. Clyde McCants will begin. Then at the end of October, the library will hold it's annual Halloween Costume contest.
8. **Jean Govan** of Palmetto Primary Health Care announced that a new nurse practitioner, Lynn Douglass has been hired. In addition, they have a therapist that is working with children with behavior problems
9. **Linda Tucker** of Dept of Social Services mentioned that she would be interested in knowing when other agencies are holding "Parenting Classes" as she would refer persons from the DSS Young Parents program.
10. **Larry Dozier** of FMH announced that now with the advent of computer technology the hospital can send x-rays to radiologists in Rock Hill from radiology by Telemedicine. The radiologists are here all the time on weekdays, but not weekends or evenings, so this is very helpful.
11. **Frankie O'Neal** announced that 200 people rode train for Rock Around the Clock. The train museum will be open one more day for rides, and then close for winter. A SCETV satellite recently fell out of the sky and resulted in the loss of lots of training programs. She has the only satellite going in the county right now.

12. **Patti Wilkes** announced that Mike Gray, from United Way let her know \$25,000 is available through Red Cross for assistance with housing and utilities. In regard to First Steps, there will be new board elections next week but they still need persons to fill many of the specific slots. Those slots will be published in the paper soon.
13. **Greg Slater** of the ARP Church announced the annual Scottish Heritage Service on Sunday, October 26th at the 11 a.m. service. There will be a catered dinner following. Reservations are required for the dinner. Tickets are \$9.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children under 12.
14. **Sarah McMaster** of Fairfield County Library gave a demonstration of the Fairfield Community Coordinating Council website along with the community calendar. Everyone is encouraged to use the calendar so that we can avoid date conflicts. Publications are in acrobat format. The website will in the future include the FCCC produced brochures. We may add website links as another feature on this.

Next meeting: November 12 at 11:30 a.m. in Fairfield Memorial Hospital Conference Room.