

Fairfield Community Coordinating Council  
Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2007

**Chairperson:** Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library)

**Members Present:** Ellen B. Cooper, DHEC, Sandy Kammermann, JAMPHCC, Eric Hartley, FCMHC, Tammy Huddle, United Way, Steven Gilliam, United Way & UPS, Kristi Godwin, FMH, Phyllis Savage, Palmetto Healthy Start, William Hardy, Palmetto Healthy Start, Sarah McMaster, Fairfield County Library, Cpt. Sherry Alexander, FF Cty. Sheriff's Dept., Roberta Hartman, ACS, Larry Dozier, FMH, Cpt. Melissa R. Cooper, FF Cty. Sheriff's Dept., Frances O'Neal, FF DELC, Jill Cincotta, Downtown Development, Beverlyann Austin, Upper Midlands, Jean Govan, Palmetto Primary, Jackie Workman, West Fairfield Health Center, Mary Urias, Keep Fairfield Beautiful, Mac Russell, FMH Diabetic Initiative, Patti Wilkes, First Steps.

**Chairperson Sarah McMaster called the meeting to order at 11:50.**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Ms. McMaster welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

**II. Approval of August 8, 2007 Minutes:**

The minutes were approved as distributed.

**III. Officers Report**

**A. Chair:** – Ms. McMaster reported that Ms. Vickers would not be present at today's meet due to the death of her mother-in-law. Therefore there will be no program. Ms. McMaster passed around an agency listing and asked that everyone present to update their agency information and if someone needed to add their information, please feel free to do so.

**B. Vice – Chair:** No report.

**C. Secretary: J. L. Dozier, Jr.** – No report.

**D. Treasurer/Membership:** Mrs. O'Neal reported that FCCC needs for their members to pay their dues. One of the perks of the membership is the use of the list server. An agency or individual can distribute information through the list server for free. Annual memberships are from January – December. Individual memberships are \$5 and agency/company memberships are \$20.00. The FCCC account balance is \$219.18.

**E. FCHP Representative:** The next meeting will be Thursday, September 13 at 2 p.m. at the DHEC conference room.

**V. Committee Reports:**

**A. Executive:** No report.

**B. Youth and Families:** Currently inactive.

**C. Nutrition:** Ms. Kammermann reported that there is a new fitness challenge – Get Fit—that will be sponsored by Fairfield County Recreation Commission. Mac Russell will be overseeing the program. They currently have 18 teams with 5 members on each team.

**D. Membership:** Members were encouraged to please pay their dues.

**VI. Continuing Business: None**

**VII. New Business: None**

**VIII. Networking:**

Patti Wilkes - First Steps – Ms. Wilkes stated that she is planning for the upcoming Active Parenting Now seminar. There are three sessions – Sept. 25, Oct. 9 and Nov. 13 each beginning at 7. p.m. All of the child care slots are filled and First Steps is in need of board members to fill vacant slots.

Ellen Cooper – DHEC – Ms. Cooper stated that she has hired a nurse for the DHEC Health Department in Fairfield County. Her agency is currently busy providing shots for students in the schools. There will be a flu clinic probably the second week in November.

Sandy Kammermann-Martin Primary Health Care – Ms. Kammermann stated that patients (infants to adults) that are enrolled in the Wellchild Program receive books distributed by Reach Out and Read Program (ROAR). There will be a fund raiser for this program on Thursday, September 27 in the hospital conference room. Most books are under \$10 and they are excellent educational books. Also there is a Read and Romp event to be held at the SC State Museum. (Flyer distributed) This is a very interactive program with 12 storytelling stations and is geared for all members of the family. The charge is \$10 per person. The Winning at Weight Loss classes are starting September 17. There is still time to sign up. This is a 12 week class.

Tammy Huddle - United Way – September 14 will be the kickoff of the Fall 2007 campaign for United Way. This will be held at the Capital Stadium in Columbia. Fairfield County raised over \$64,000 last year for United Way and the goal for this year is \$70,000. Steve Gilliam, an employee for UPS, is participating with the campaign this year. He is assisting in delivering packets and information to companies in the Midlands area. Mr. Gilliam stated that he has been with UPS for 22 years and his family has been involved with United Way for years but that this is the first chance that he has had the opportunity to be involved in this way and is looking forward to the experience.

William Harding – Palmetto Healthy Start – Mr. Harding stated that he represents three entities that are dealing with young people. They currently have two programs in the County schools. One of the groups is trying to reduce or eliminate teenage pregnancy. They would like to work with schools, churches or organizations to get their message out. Another of the goals of the agency is to improve the infant mortality rates. There is also a program called Healthy Universities that provides services to students, free of charge.

Sarah McMaster – FF Cty Library – There is nothing major to report from the Library. There will be a children's story hour in October. The wireless internet is operational. Serendipity Books is also wireless. September is Library Card sign up month. This service is free of charge. Individuals 12 or older can sign up for themselves. There is a \$1 fee for a replacement card.

Cpl. Sherry Alexander - Fairfield County Sheriff's Department – The officer stated that she is a community oriented police officer. She is a public relations person whose duties are to check on the home alone, education to the public on subjects such as gangs, safety and any other issues in the community. She stated that she is currently trying to assist a man who is elderly and depends on an electric scooter to get around his home and his garden. But the scooter is old and needs to be replaced, but he can't afford to replace it and wondered if anyone knew of someone who could possibly fix it. Also, she is working with the Mexican restaurant owner and Captain Lucky of the SC Highway Patrol to assist arranging a car seat safety check for our Hispanic population. She stated that they will also provide car seats for those who are in need. She stated that they are planning a safety check on Wednesdays between 2-3 at the Mexican Restaurant and a translator will be available. Ms. Wilkes stated that she has a Hispanic child care center and she will refer her clients to her.

Roberta Hartman -Cancer Society – Ms. Hartman stated that October is Prostate Cancer month.

Larry Dozier – FMH – Mr. Dozier stated that the hospital has just opened a sleep study clinic that is being ran by SleepMed of Columbia. The company will provide the staff and technical services

to perform the studies. The company has converted two of the patients' room into bedrooms in order to perform the study. Also, the Rehab department of the hospital is now staffed to provide 24/7 rehab services to rehabilitation patients. The hospital has a swing bed program that is equal to HealthSouth in Columbia.

Paula Coleman – Girl Scouts – Ms. Coleman stated that she had a very successful summer program with the Girl Scouts. She stated she now has a scout troop up and running in Fairfield Middle School. She also stated that she is leaving her position with the Scouts and her replacement will be Cherrie Ellis who is from Lancaster.

Cpl. Melissa. Cooper – FF County Sheriff's Department – Ms. Cooper stated that she has been with the Department for 7 years and 4 ½ of that was on the road. She stated that she also works with educating the public on Crime Watch, Drug Awareness along with acting as a PR person for the Sheriff's Department. She encouraged the group to call them and let them to speak to their groups on the various of services that the Sheriff's department provides besides the usual.

Frankie O'Neal – FF County DELC – Ms. O'Neal stated that she is a sponsor for the Rotary Interact Club and the group had participated in numerous projects including assisting at the Red Cross, lighting luminaries on Main Street at Christmas, parking cars at train events, delivering presents to recipients of the Angel Tree program, assisting at the food bank and participating in the Main Street clean up day. The Interact Club will be sponsoring a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on September 20 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Lobby of the Auditorium. You may call 712-1865 to schedule an appointment. In connection with the public library and First Steps, there will be a teleconference education class on Better Kids Care. Participants could be child care employees and foster parents. Please call to register. The Literary Council has been restarted. First Steps and Imagination Library supplies books to children ages 1-5. For \$30 a year children receive a book a month, but state funds have been cut and personal contributions of any amount are appreciated. Applications are available at First Steps and the Herald-Independent.

Mary Urias - Keep Fairfield County Beautiful – This weekend the Fairfield County group will participate in the Beach/River Sweep that is conducted in conjunction with SC DNR. They will be meeting at Colonel Creek and will pick up trash along the shoreline from 9 a.m. – Noon. Also, she reminded everyone that any organization that wishes to pick up trash can come by her office in the J. B. Floyd Building and receive trash bags and sticks, free of charge.

Jackie Workman - Palmetto Primary Health Care Center – Ms. Workman stated that she is an outreach worker for the West Fairfield Clinic and she is visiting homes in the area recruiting patients for the clinic. She is currently visiting all the homes, business and schools in the area promoting the clinic.

Jean Govan – Palmetto Primary Health Care Center – Ms. Govan stated that Dr. Lawrence Bennett is now associated with the clinic. He is replacing Dr. Aderaju. Also, they are sponsoring the upcoming Fall Festival Health Care Fair which will be held on October 27 in the parking lot of Fairfield Middle School. She encouraged everyone to participate and attend. There will be a variety of health services available, refreshments and entertainment for all ages.

Beverlyann Austin – Upper Midlands – Ms. Austin stated that the Upper Midlands Rural Health Network serves Fairfield and Chester counties. She works with the hospital, DHEC and Diabetic Initiative. The organization works with all the medical services in both counties to share services versus duplicating them. The network was recently awarded an Outreach grant from HRSA and a computer system called "Healthmaster" was purchased to monitor children's health problems in the schools hoping to curb absenteeism. The system has been implemented in the middle schools in Chester and they are now working with the other grades. There will be health lifestyle classes beginning in Chester and hopefully in Fairfield County in the near future.

Jill Cincotta – Downtown Development – Ms. Cincotta distributed a calendar of the upcoming events for the town and county. She stated that she is currently busy with the Master Planning process and is devising a 10 year draft plan. She highlighted several events: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday @ the Gazebo and the Pig on the Ridge in Ridgeway. Ms. Cincotta stated that if you wish to receive emails and the monthly newsletter she can be contacted at 635-4041 x 112.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** Prior to adjournment, Ms. McMaster asked if anyone had ideas for programs. There were no suggestions. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.
- XI. **NEXT MEETING: October 10, 2007**