

Fairfield Community Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2009

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

**Members Present:** Sandy Kammermann, (John A. Martin Primary Health Center), Patti Wikles (Fairfield County First Steps), Frances Lee O'Neal (Fairfield DES), Al Hanna ( Ridgeway Family Practice), Deborah Trapp (Fairfield DSS), Mary Urias (Keep Fairfield Beautiful), and Brian Garner (Council on Aging and Pine Tree Players)

Chairperson Mrs. McMaster called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**II. Approval of October 2009 Minutes**

Al Hanna made a motion to approve the October minutes as presented. A second was received. All approve.

**III. Officers Report**

**A. Chair:** Molly Bowers of United Way has been in contact with Sarah regarding the assessment United Way is currently working on. Ms. Bowers will send, to those who had indicated a desire to receive it, a draft assessment for review with questions for those receiving it to answer. If you receive this please send a response by the deadline of December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Vice-Chair:** No report

**C. Secretary:** No Report

**D. Treasurer/Membership:** \$478.16 Balance in the Bank

**E. FCHP Representative:** Al Hanna reported that the FCHP met last Thursday. The majority of their time was spent discussing H1N1 and vaccinations for students in the Fairfield County Schools. Mr. Bell of DHEC met with the School Board and School Attorney assuring them that the school would not have any liability regarding vaccinations. Ellen Cooper and George Timms were to attend the Special Called School Board meeting that evening. The School Board voted in favor of allowing the vaccinations at that special meeting. The next FCHP meeting is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be from 1 to 4PM and will concentrate on the Strategic Plan. The results of their Strategic Plan will be publicized.

**IV. Committee Reports:**

**A. Executive:** No report

**B. Youth and Families:** Not active

**C. Nutrition:** Sandy Kammermann reported that the Nutrition Committee is working to implement the CATCH program in all of the elementary schools in Fairfield County. Each school is developing a CATCH team to assist with implementation planning.

**D. Membership:** No report

**V. Continuing Business:** The Dementia Dialogue that was discussed in previous meetings was well attended and has received good feedback.

**VI. New Business:** Al Hanna reported that Fairfield County will soon have a respite care facility for homeless. This will be the first facility of this kind in the state. It will be located in the former Peachtree Manor in the Greenbrier community. Butterfly Medical Respite Care will receive referrals through hospitals. Once released, these patients must be returned to their original area of dwelling. Cynthia Nelson is starting this 501C3 facility.

**VII. Program: Brian Garner – Nutrition Coordinator for Council on Aging**

Brian's main job is to coordinate getting hot meals delivered to the approximately 86 seniors on a five-days-a-week basis. He presented an informative power point presentation highlighting the need for volunteers. Normal routes are completed in approximately one hour each day. Volunteers are accepted for as many or as

few days per week as one is available. He is also in need of substitute drivers. Another possibility is company/agency driving teams. He stressed that some of these seniors only receive this one visit per day. The human contact is a vital part of the delivery. There is a critical need for additional drivers on Thursdays and Fridays. The normal pick-up time is 10:30 to 10:45 M-F. Frozen meals are also available for seniors who may not be at home on a daily basis (doctor's appointments, etc). There is a waiting list for the frozen meals but not for the hot meals. Brian is currently completing paperwork to become a registered Meals on Wheels program. This will allow them to apply for grants for funding. He is also planning a newsletter to help increase awareness of the Senior Center. ANY senior, aged 60 and above, regardless of income, is eligible to use the Senior Center. A recent addition has been a Breakfast Club.

### **VIII. Networking:**

Sandy Kammermann – John A. Martin Primary Health Care Center: .

Sarah McMaster – Fairfield County Library: The library will on December 3rd join SC LENDS a consortium of ten libraries. The libraries are spread across the state and are not clustered in one geographic area. Books and other items in circulation will be sent between libraries in interagency mail. Deliveries will usually be made within 2 business days. This also means patrons can check-out books in other participating counties with their Fairfield County library card. It will mean expanded resources for everyone. There will be some local library policy changes due to this. The library will hold its Halloween costume contest on October 30th. Story hours are going on in October. Friends of the Library are holding a program for anyone to attend on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Francis Marion, the "Swamp Fox," is coming to Winnsboro. This is a retired history professor who imitates the Swamp Fox and should provide a good show.

Brian Garner - Coordinator for Nutrition Program with Council on Aging/ Pine Tree Players – Performances of A Christmas Carol will be during the first two weekends of December.

Mary Urias – Keep Fairfield Beautiful – Mary distributed a Conserve & Recycle Flyer and a flyer about the upcoming Community Pride Luncheon. This luncheon will recognize volunteers and honor a Program of the Year.

Frances Lee O'Neal – Fairfield DES – The Senior Center collected eyeglasses for the Interact Club. The club will present these to the Lions Club. The high school had a successful blood drive collecting 33 pints of blood. There will be an Angel Tree at the high school for the Good Samaritan House. Railroad Museum – The Santa Train will run the Saturdays of November 28, December 5 and December 12. The Steam Train will be back in Fairfield County again next year.

Al Hanna – Ridgeway Family Practice – The practice has been very busy with lots of flu-like symptoms. The Dental side has also seen increased use with appointments currently at approximately one week out. This is the only dental provider for Unison in the state so they are seeing patients from as far away as Florence.

Sarah McMaster – Fairfield County Library – Sarah distributed two flyers regarding the upcoming change to SC LENDS. The Library will be closed December 3 – 5<sup>th</sup>, reopening on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> as a member of the SC LENDS program. This will increase the library's collection from 80,000 to 2 millions items. There will be a few minor changes regarding policies for use of the library.

IX. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned 12:50 p.m.

X. **NEXT MEETING:** There will not be a December meeting. The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.