

Fairfield Community Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2005

Chairperson: Sarah McMaster

Present: Larry Dozier (Fairfield Memorial Hospital), Greg Slater (Ministerial Association and Bethel ARP), Sandy Kammermann and Valdon Walker (John A. Martin Primary Health Care Center, Patti Wilkes (First Steps), Shirley Bates (Fairfield /Newberry CareLINK), Edna Premius (SC Centers for Equal Justice), Tarycia Adams (Behavioral Health) , Beverlyann V. Austin (Upper Midlands Health Network), Diane Perry (Fairfield Behavioral Health)

I. Called to Order at 11:40

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. Approval of March 2005 Minutes

Mr. Dozier moved the minutes be approved. Ms. Prius seconded the motion.

IV. Officers Reports

- A. Chair : Sarah McMaster. Next month the hospital is having a picnic so the food that will be available to us for our meeting will have hamburgers.
- B. Vic-Chair: Linda Tucker not present.
- C. Secretary: Sandy Kammermann. The date and time of the FCCC was submitted to the Herald Independent to list in the Community Calendar for the newspaper.
- D. Treasurer/Membership Chair: Frankie O'Neal no report.
- E. FCHP Representative: Not present.

v. Committee Reports

- A. Executive: Sarah McMaster. No report,
- B. Youth & Families: Mr. Walker announced that due to lack of information submitted for the Summer Program Brochure. The Committee made a decision to not print the brochure this year. The only program information received was library summer reading information and information regarding one bible school program. The library prints their own summer reading brochures and in addition, we can send out the information through the FCCC listserve and website. The Committee also discussed the child and teen resource brochures and asked that the FCCC decide whether we should revise those brochures.
- C. Nutrition: Sandy Kammermann reported that the nutrition changed the day and time of their meeting and the next meeting will be Thursday, April 21st at 3 p.m. There is a new dietitian, Susan Collier, working with DHEC covering the 9 county region in which Fairfield is included. Susan will be assisting the Martin Center with a joint nutrition project between USC SOM and Duke University.
- D. Membership: Frankie not present.

V. Continuing Business

Sarah McMaster asked the Council to consider what we would like to do in regard to revising the resource brochures that were created several years ago. (Shelter, Food, Transportation, Help for My Child, Teens, Violence Prevention). When they were originally created, the Career Center Print shop did the typesetting and printing. This was very helpful at the time; however, the Career Center published them in a computer program that that is not compatible with other computers. Staff at the library has since put one brochure into a template in MicroSoft Publisher. If all the brochures were converted to this program, they could easily be printed anywhere. We could do this on legal size paper. It is also easier to update information as needed in this program. Sarah suggested we may even want to add websites in addition to phone numbers if the agencies have websites. Discussion followed. Members feel these brochures have been helpful to have in many agencies for community people to

pick up. They do need to be updated. The suggestion was made to put the brochures in Micro Soft Word format and then they can be easily sent by email or printed from many computers. Questions raised were “Can we retrieve our leftover colored paper from the Career Center Print Shop? Then we would need to determine the cost of copying the brochures onto that colored paper. Greg Slater made a motion that FCCC update these brochures and investigate the printing costs and the cost of getting them put on our Website. Members approved the motion. The Youth & Family Committee has agreed to update one of the brochures to start. Sarah will check on the use of technology in this process. Sarah will ask Patti Wilkes to follow up on the status of the paper. At the May meeting we will have a plan.

VI. New Business

VII. Program: Edna Primus, SC Center for Equal Justice

Edna Primus is a representative of the SC Center for Equal Justice. The Center is funded to provide free legal services. In the past it was called the Palmetto Legal Services covering 5 counties. The name has just changed. They screen persons over the phone to see if they meet guidelines to be eligible for care. An individual just needs to meet minimum wage guidelines that are set by Federal Government. They now have 13 offices in SC. Columbia has toll free number. The toll free number from Fairfield County to Columbia is 1-888-799-9668. Local offices are listed on the back of brochures. At the current time most the calls they receive are dealing with family and domestic violence issues. They also do some adoptions – mostly family adoptions. Housing is the second largest number of calls they receive (ie. evictions, getting security deposits back, foreclosures). Bankruptcy is another problem they deal with. They find someone who will help. They also help people fill out forms to enable them to receive government benefits. They do not take workman’s compensation cases because there are lawyer fees that are paid. The private lawyers take those. They write wills and health care power of attorney documents for people. They also deal with education issues related to children. They help taxpayers with IRS questions. At the current time they are not seeing a lot of people from Fairfield County.

In Fairfield County they are available two days per month at the Good Samaritan House. The 1st & 3rd Thursday from 10 a.m. –12 noon. The office is available 5 days/week in Columbia and by phone. Ms. Primus has posters available to put in offices. The posters are in English and Spanish.

VIII. Networking

- A. Beverlyann Austin (Upper Midlands Rural Health Network). Beverly is out in the community and talking with others. She is just getting started.
- B. Shirley Bates (Fairfield/Newberry CareLINK) announced that CareLINK has it’s first 50 enrollees.
- C. Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library) announced the 8th Annual Read In will take place at Fortune Springs Park. The event is for about 350 students from the schools who have gone above and beyond their assigned work. There are reading cheers and they read. It is a big indoor picnic. Then Summer Reading kick off is from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., June 4th at the Library. Theme this year is “Funtastic Reading”. The library is doing the last bit of work to open the Ridgeway branch library in its new location. It will be on Main street in Ridgeway. The County has been helping with the work. The library will be holding its annual used book sale the first two weeks of May. Sarah also wanted to remind everyone to use the Community Calendar. Send her the information to post your events. The Calendar is viewed often.
- D. Sandy Kammermann (John A. Martin Primary Health Care Center) announced the May 12th Women’s Health Summit in Columbia sponsored by DHEC. This is a FREE one day program open to the public. Interested persons do need to register in advance. May is Older Americans Month and Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. On May 4th we will be encouraging all teens to logon to a website and take a quiz about teen pregnancy. A proclamation will be signed for Teen Pregnancy Prevention month and the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition is in the process of planning several activities for the month. The JAMPHCC has a Yard Sale/Bake sale, April 16th at 10 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Fairfield County Relay for Life.

- E. Greg Slater (Bethel ARP Church and Ministerial Association) announced that May 5th is the National Day of Prayer. Ministerial Association is sponsoring a gathering at the park next to Citizens Bank at 12 noon. This will be a 15 minute event. There will be a 4pm Prayer Service that afternoon hosted by Bethel ARP.
- F. Larry Dozier (Fairfield Memorial Hospital) is moving along in plans to establish a health center in Jenkensville area. They are partnering with Wallace Brown (Palmetto Primary Care) to set up in western part of county. They have purchased a mobile office and the County is looking for a spot to put it up.e wide. It will probably be located somewhere along Rt 215. The County will provide the land, FMH will provide the building and Wallace Brown will provide the medical staff. Projected start date is up in the air, but perhaps in 90n days.
- G. Diane Perry (Fairfield Behavioral Health Services) reminded everyone of the 5k Run/Walk on April 23, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Registrations forms are available.
- H. Edna Primus (SC Centers for Justice) announced there will be Free clinics on dissolving a marriage held April 28th at 5 p.m. These are designed for persons who have been separated at least a year and have no children.

IX. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 11th at 11:30 a.m. at Fairfield Memorial Hospital Conference Room.