

Fairfield Community Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes, August 10, 2005

Chairperson: Sarah McMaster

Present: Sandy Kammermann and Valdon Walker (John A. Martin Primary Health Care Center, Shirley Bates (Fairfield /Newberry CareLINK), Frankie O'Neal (DELC), BeverlyAnn V. Austin (Upper Midlands Health Partners), Edna Primus (SC Centers for Equal Justice), Anita Floyd (United Way)., Patti Wilkes (First Steps), Linda Tucker (DSS), Greg Slater (Bethel ARP and Fairfield Ministerial Assoc.), Diane Perry (Behavioral Health Services), Brenda Jackson (You First: Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition).

I. Call to Order at 11:45

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. Approval of June 2005 Minutes

Frankie O'Neal moved the minutes be approved. BeverlyAnn Austin seconded the motion. Approved.

IV. Officers Reports

- A. Chair – Sarah McMaster no report
- B. Vice-Chair: Linda Tucker no report
- C. Secretary – Sandy Kammermann no report.
- D. Treasurer/Membership Chair: Ms. O'Neal reported we have \$697. 98 in the bank. A check was written to Fairfield County Library for website cost for a year. Ms. O'Neal reminded everyone if they have not paid their dues, to please do so. You may download an application form from the website.
- E. FCHP Representative: Linda Tucker announced the Health Partners will meet tomorrow on August 11th at 2 p.m. Originally they were not scheduled to meet in August. The meeting will be in the DSS/DHEC conference room.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Executive: Sarah McMaster, none
- B. Youth & Families: Mr. Walker reported the committee did not meet in July.
- C. Nutrition: Sandy Kammermann reported that the committee has had good attendance at the meetings the last two months and a lot has been discussed. The committee is collaborating on training for preschool teachers in the County in the use of the Color Me Healthy Curriculum. In addition, the plan is to work with the grocery stores in implementing the Color Way materials that correspond. The hope would be that the children see a reinforcement of what they have learned in the classroom at the grocery store with their parents. A training of preschool teachers was held on August 3rd at Gordon Early Learning Center. A medical student from the Martin Center discussed physical activity with the teachers. Susan Collier from DHEC trained the teachers in use of the curriculum. The committee is also planning activities along this same theme for the Rock Around the Clock in October. Patra Sullivan and Sandy Kammermann are planning to team teach a weight control class for adults in the fall. In addition, Behavioral Health will be sponsoring the Way to Go Kids program again in the fall. As part of the Right Weigh to Health Campaign the Martin Center is now adding waist circumference measures to the BMI screenings. There is a lot of evidence to correlate waist measurements and BMI to the risk of health problems. A new brochure has been created about this. The next meeting of the committee is the 4th Thursday, August 25th in FMH Conf room.
- D. Membership: No further report.

VI. Continuing Business

Ms. McMaster reported that we are continuing to work on updating the brochures and getting them on the website for anyone to access.

VII. New Business

No new business.

VIII. Networking:

- A. Brenda Jackson (You First: Teen Pregnancy Prevention).** The coalition is gearing up for school year. Looking for a facilitator that would do groups under her supervision. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 23 at 3:30 p.m. at the DSS/DHEC conference room.
- B. Greg Slater (Ministerial Association and Bethel ARP Church).** A task force has formed to look at prison ministry here in Fairfield. There is a growing concern about more being available for people coming out of detention center as far as job opportunities and mentoring. They also want to see more training going on in detention center The group has met a couple times so far. Next meeting will be later in August. Others involved include the Sheriff, DSS, Adult Education. Retired pastor, Harry Phillips is the coordinator.

Bethel ARP is planning the Scottish heritage Sunday the last Sunday of October. This event is celebrated every 2 years now. Pelham Lyles of the Fairfield County Museum is planning some Scottish/Irish Geneology activities to take place that weekend also.
- C. Ednus Primius (SC Centers fr Equal Justice).** The Center is sponsoring some clinics. There is one scheduled tomorrow, August 11th on Child Support issues at Fairfield Behavioral Health. The Center is also targeting seniors to inform them about new Medicare prescription drug program starting in January. The Center has local hours in Winnsboro the 1st & 3rd Thursday at Good Samaritan House.
- D. Anita Floyd (United Way)** United Way gave funding to Fairfield Behavioral Health for ACT program. United Way submitted a grant for Capacity Building to National DHHS and they are waiting to hear. In other news, the Emergency Shelter Funds for Fairfield County will now be handled by United Way. United Way is looking for help with this from others in the County who have been involved in the past. United Way is also involved in setting up Trust funding to help create affordable housing. There is a program and conference coming u soon. Workshop is on how to set up the trust fund. They target people with 80% of average income.
- E. Sandy Kammermann (Martin Primary Health Care Center).** Martin Center is holding the next series of Prenatal Classes that are open to anyone in the County starting in October. Participation in the classes makes a person eligible to attend a car seat safety class and receive a free car seat courtesy of First Steps. As part of the Right Weigh to Health Campaign, we are encouraging people to use the Right Weigh Path.
- F. Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library).** Ms. McMaster announced it is not too late for students to turn in their summer reading and receive their medals. The Ridgeway Library branch has opened. Its regular hours are Monday through Thursday afternoon. The library does have Public Access Internet. The library will be publishing its fall programs for kids soon.
- G. Shirley Bates (CareLink) .** CareLINK recently mailed letters to churches in the area to inform them of the program and to ask them to spread the word.
- H. Frankie O'Neal (DELIC).** Ms. O'Neal announced the Friends of the Library are encouraging all parents to get library cards for each of their children. The DELC is working with the Public Library to sponsoring childcare worker seminars. There will be a special 2 part program in the fall and another 2 part program in April or May. Ms. O'Neal also announced that the train at the Fairfield Train Museum is running and giving rides. The train ride is approximately 1 ½ hours longs.
- I. BeverlyAnn Austin (Upper Midlands Rural Health Network)** Ms. Austin announced the group is doing a planning grant. Reminder that the purpose of this group is to see how services can be shared between Fairfield and Chester Counties. One of the focuses is diabetes.

- J. **Pattie Wilkes (First Steps)**. First Steps is funding all the strategies that were funded last year. They expect to have ABC daycare vouchers available at the end of next week. There will be 20 daycare slots to fill. There is a Women's Conference scheduled at First Baptist Church, Sept 17 from 9 – 2. Linda Doty will be speaking at that conference.

- K. **Sarah McMaster (Fairfield Community Coordinating Council)**. Ms. McMaster asked for suggestions from participants for programs at upcoming meetings. Ms. O'Neal made these suggestions: Downtown Development, Pinetree Playhouse, Good Samaritan House, African-American Ministerial Association, Rock Around the Clock. Other suggestions made were: Plans for Rock Around the Clock, Update on Mental Health Center, Dental Health Clinic in Ridgeway, Prison Ministry Task Force.

Adjourned 12:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 14th at 11:30 a.m. at Fairfield Memorial Hospital Conference Room