

Fairfield Community Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2004

Chairperson: Sarah McMaster

Present: Larry Dozier (Fairfield Memorial Hospital), Linda Tucker (Dept of Social Services), Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library), Bundy Bynam, (Retired Pastor and Board of Good Samaritan House), Frances Lee O'Neal (DELC), Raydeen Gladden (Fairfield Behavioral Health Services), Brenda Jackson (You First, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition), Sandy Kammermann (Martin Primary Health Care Center).

I. Meeting was called to Order at 11:40 a.m. by Chairperson, Sarah McMaster

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. Approval of November 2004 Minutes

Mr. Dozier moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Ms. O'Neal seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

IV. Officers Reports

A. Chairperson: Sarah McMaster presented the slate of officers for next year.

1. Chairperson: Sarah McMaster
2. Vice-Chair: Linda Tucker
3. Secretary: Sandy Kammermann
4. Treasurer & Membership: Frances Lee O'Neal

The slate of officers was unanimously approved.

Ms. McMaster asked that anyone that has program ideas for the coming year, pass those along to her. There were then several suggestions for programs from those present:

You First: Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coaliton, Airport Commission, Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce.

B. Vic-Chair: Pelham Lyles not present.

C. Secretary – Sandy Kammermann had no report.

D. Treasurer: Position is vacant. Ms. McMaster reported there is a bank balance of \$763.38. FCCC will be moving the account from the Wachovia Bank to Provident. Provident has a civic account. Wachovia had begun charging us service fees in the past year. This type account at Provident does not charge fees and allows you to write checks free.

E. FCHP Representative: Linda Tucker had no report as Fairfield Health Partners has not met.

V. Committee Reports

A. Executive: Sarah McMaster no report.

B. Youth & Families: Mr. Walker not present. No report.

C. Nutrition: Ms. Kammermann reported they had not met in the last couple months.

D. Membership: Ms. O'Neal reminded members that new membership dues are due in January 2005. Ms. O'Neal will update the membership list as the dues are paid.

VI. Continuing Business

None

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VII. New Business

VIII. Program: Bundy Bynam of the Good Samaritan House.

Christ Central has taken over management of the Good Samaritan House This is a great period of transition. Christ Central is an Interdenominational Organization in Columbia which operates mostly with volunteers. They have missions in several countries. Christ Central personnel are doing a survey right now to see where community feels we need to go with services. Jimmy Burroughs

is Interim Director of Good Samaritan. Esther is still the on-site person at the House. They have a central network of computer to track supplies and donations. That can tell where there is a surplus. So supplies can be shared between mission stations. Lots of clothing was donated to Good Samaritan House. They had too much so sent much of it to missions in the mountains. They are In process of renovating the house. If a person stays overnight – they are committed to helping. Right now they are repainting and ripping up carpet. Christ Central will reface the building. Good Samaritan owns the house. There is a system for tracking donated funds – every dime will be accounted for. This will give more credibility to the Good Samaritan House. Hope to take advantage of some of the faithbased grants in applying for funds. The local ministers will be asked to give service for persons living there.

Christ Center is affiliated with United Way. They will work with the local Red Cross office to avoid duplicating services. This will be a year long transition process. The House will continue to provide emergency shelters, and give subsidies of power and rent. Long range they will be looking for new building. They would like to separate males and females who stay in the house. The referral process is the same. They still have the thrift store in the basement.

The question was raised as to how long people can stay at the house. Rev. Bynum stated that 3 nights is still the preferred length of stay, but they try to work with people.

IX. Networking:

- A. Jean Govan (Palmetto Family Primary Care Center). The Center is continuing to provide primary care services.
- B. Brenda Jackson (You First: Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition). The Coalition will sponsor a grant writing workshop for anyone interested on , March 11th. The cost will be \$25. The proceeds will benefit the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition. There will be a TOP (Teen Outreach Program) Training on January 28th. We are hoping lots of people who are working with youth will sign up for that training.
- C. Rayden Gladden (Fairfield Behavioral Health Services) Way to Go Kids is an 8 session weight control program for adolescents, 8 – 13 year olds. Next group will begin Jan 24th and the contact person is Genice Summers.
- D. Linda Tucker, (Dept of Social Services) DSS is helping 150 families through the “Families Helping Families?” program in Columbia.
- E. Frances O’Neal (DELIC and Train Museum) The Angel Tree is in the lobby of High School. The list of persons who’s items are on the tree was from the Good Samaritan House. Coach Ellis coordinated this effort. The senior class has collected lots of eye glasses this fall for the “Lions Club.” Sophomore class is collecting coats. A food drive is also going on right now. There will be a teleconference for foster parents and daycare center workers on “Using TV to Support Learning” in February. This coming weekend is the last one for the Santa Train. The Train Museum is in the process of raising funds to bring an “Art Train” to the area. It would come in on the Norfolk Southern line in April. It carries Native American Art. This is a national exhibit and it would stay about a week.
- F. Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library) Parris Foundation gave the library a check for \$2800. This will be used for outreach to parents and kids for using the library. All South Federal Credit Union also donated their proceeds from Rock Around the Clock to the Library. The McMaster Endowment gave books to groups that are giving out gifts at Christmas to needy families to that a book could be included. Library is still looking for a possible building in Ridgeway. Bookmobile goes there one afternoon /week.
- G. Sandy Kammermann (Martin Primary Health Care Center) The Martin Center has the schedule of prenatal classes for January and February. These classes are free and open to anyone in Fairfield County who is pregnant. Through a partnership with First Steps we are able to provide free infant car seats to those who attend and meet the requirements.
- H. Greg Slater (Bethel ARP). Christmas programs are scheduled. Children’s Pageant Nov. 12th, Lessons and Carols service on 19th in a.m. , Christmas Eve 24th. Ministerial Association is sponsoring the annual party for the detention center. Contact Betty Swink at the detention center is you would like to help or have items to donate. Party is December 13th.
- I. Larry Dozier (Fairfield Memorial Hospital). FMH received a grant through Spratt, for \$250,000 to build a new rehabilitation center. Considering building a free standing building behind the Martin Center. All therapy and cardiac rehab would be in this

building. Current Cardiac rehab space would be converted to exam rooms for cardiac clinic. Projecting they need about 3500 square feet. Looking for additional funds now as they need to sprinkle whole old hospital building. This is about a \$200,000 project. Fairfield Newberry CARELINK, Krystal Derrick was hired as the director.. In process of filling 3 other positions. Hope to have the service running by March 1st. Personnel will move In with DSS soon.

X. Next meeting., Wednesday, January 12, 2005 at 11:30 a.m.