

Fairfield Community Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2005

Chairperson: Linda Tucker presiding in Sarah McMaster 's absence

Present: Larry Dozier (Fairfield Memorial Hospital), Paula Coleman (Girl Scouts), Greg Slater (Ministerial Association and Bethel ARP), Linda Tucker (Dept of Social Services), Brenda Jackson (You First: Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition of Fairfield County.), Pelham Lyles (Fairfield County Museum), Diane Perry (Behavioral Health Services), Sandy Kammermann and Valdon Walker (John A. Martin Primary Health Care Center, Cheryl Caldwell and Patti Wilkes (First Steps), Shirley Bates (Fairfield /Newberry CareLINK), Edna Premius (SC Centers for Equal Justice), Kathy Olsen (United Way).

I. Call to Order at 11:38 a.m.

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. Approval of January 2005 Minutes

Diane Perry moved the minutes be approved with one addition. Under VII. A. the last sentence should read. "Ms. Kammermann stated that the by-laws state "special committees may be appointed by the FCCC chairperson from time-to-time to serve specific time-limited purposes. " Mr . Dozier seconded. Minutes were approved. Unanimously.

IV. Officers Reports

- A. Chair – Sarah McMaster not present.
- B. Vic-Chair: Linda Tucker no report.
- C.. Secretary – Sandy Kammermann reported that the FCCC Meeting is now listed monthly in the Herald Independent under the list of community meetings.
- D. Treasurer/Membership Chair: In absence of the Treasurer, Patti Wilkes announced that the new back account has been opened at Provident Bank. The FCCC account is moving to Provident as Provident does not charge service fees to organizations such as our. The funds have not yet been transferred.
- E. FCHP Representative: Linda Tucker announced that the Fairfield/Newberry CareLINK is in the process of hiring persons for both counties. FC Health Partners is now meeting bi-monthly so the next meeting will be the 2nd Thursday in March. March 10th at 2 p.m.

V. Committee Reports

- A. **Executive:** Sarah McMaster none.
- B. **Youth & Families:** Mr. Walker reported the committee met Feb 2nd. One item of discussion is that they are trying to determine if United Way will fund the summer program brochure as they have in the past several years. There is discussion that if there are not funds, the information will be gathered and placed online through various websites in the community. The committee also discussed ways to support mentoring programs in county. The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition may be developing a youth resources directory.
- C. **Nutrition:** Ms. Kammermann announced there will be a series of Lunch 'N Learns in the month of March as it is National Nutrition Month. Those dates will be announced later. The next Nutrition Subcommittee meeting is Thursday, February 17th at 3 p.m. at the Diabetes Center.
- D. **Membership:** Ms. Tucker announced that membership dues are now payable for the 2005 year.

VI. Continuing Business
No continuing business.

VII. New Business
No new business.

VIII. Program: Fairfield County First Steps Update
Cheryl Caldwell, Executive Director

Ms. Caldwell has been the Executive Director of First Steps since October 2004.

The First Steps program has been in existence in Fairfield County for 5 years.

The purpose is to develop and promote programs and services that will assist children in getting ready for school. There are many children in the county that need assistance; however, when you look at the profile of our county we rank 11th in overall child well-being out of 46 counties.

Accomplishments:

- A. Increase quality childcare and affordable services
 - 17 Child care centers in the County
 - 329 children were affected by trainings of the staff persons
 - 15 children were given ABC Voucher child care slots
- B. Fairfield County School District: Fifteen 3k and 4 k kindergartners scholarships were provided. More could have been provided if the programs would have had more space.
- C. Twenty slots were opened in Head Start at Kelly Miller school in coordination with GLEAMS.
- D. "Count Down to Kindergarten" program
 - Seventeen children were identified as not ready for kindergarten. Intensive tutoring was done with these children and as a result, the children were ready.
- E. Strengthening families of preschoolers: Through collaboration with FCCC to link Services. 70 referrals were made to agencies such as DSS, DHEC, Parents as Teachers, BabyNet, youth programs, and area child care providers,
- F. Fund "Parents as Teachers" program: Served 35 families – 47 children received 200 books and educational toys
- G. Sponsor the Dolly Wood Imagination Library in partnership with Rotary Club: Provides books to be mailed from birth to 5th birthday. 252 children received books as of January 2005. 25 graduated or turned five. This is on-going program.
- H. Funded car seats in partnership with DHEC and the John A. Martin Primary Health Care Center to provide incentive to expecting moms to attend prenatal classes and a car seat safety class..

In March 2005, First Steps will be planning for next year. There are 1500 children under the age of 5 in the County..

First Steps is currently in need of new board members. There are vacancies to fill in the areas of health care, transportation, parent of pre-schooler, parent education. If there is anyone willing to serve ask them to contact the First Steps office.

VIII. Networking:

- A. Brenda Jackson (You First: Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition). The Coalition is sponsoring a basic Grant Writing Workshop on March 11th. The cost is \$25 and that includes materials and lunch. The workshop will be held in the DSS conference room.

- B. Paula Coleman (Girl Scouts). It is Girl Scout Cookie Time!
Saturday, February 19, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Walmart in Winnsboro
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- C. Shirley Bates (Fairfield/Newberry CareLINK). Kickoff Date for providing services is March 1st. Offices will be located in the DSS building. They are currently waiting on furniture and phone to move in. The program portion of the next FCCC meeting will be highlighting this program. Ms. Bates and Ms. Krystal Derrick will present.
- D. Kathy Wilson (United Way) announced that grant opportunities will be released March 11th. General areas will include: domestic violence, foster care, parenting, homelessness and housing, transportation, mental health issues, out of school time programs, adult literacy. Details will be available on the United Way website. All programs certified through United Way are eligible to compete.
- E. Pelham Lyles (Fairfield County Museum). March 19th, a downtown event titled "Turning Back the Clock. At the museum, the Radio Age display will begin with over 100 old radios. The Winnsboro Rotary will sponsor the Antiques Road Show at the Tavern. Easter Eggspress train will run. John Risley will present the "Radio's Golden Era" and at the PineTree Players will be the "Voices of the Prairie" performance.
- F. Linda Tucker (Department of Social Services) announced that once again the issue of an accurate mailing list for churches in the area has come up. If anyone knows of any existing directory, please get a copy to Linda and she will work to develop one we can all use. She will be attempting to establish a church person as a contact if the pastor lives out of the area.
- G. Sandy Kammermann (John A. Martin Primary Health Care Center) announced for the SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy that they are sponsoring a Teen Expressions contest. Entries are due March 18th.
- H. Diane Perry (Behavior Health Services) announce that enrollment for Stop Smoking classes is taking place now.
- I. Edna Premius (SC Centers for Equal Justice) announced that they are now providing legal services in Fairfield County. Lawyers provide free services for civil cases for low-income persons. They will be located at Good Samaritan House. They have posters available for anyone who would like to post them in their office.

IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

X. Next Meeting, Wednesday, March 9th at 11:30 a.m. at Fairfield Memorial Hospital Conference Room. Program: Fairfield/Newberry CareLINK