

Fairfield Community Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2006

Chairperson: Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library)

Members Present: Greg Slater (Bethel ARP Church), Larry Dozier (Fairfield Memorial Hospital), Valdon Walker and Sandy Kammermann (John A. Martin Primary Health Care Center), Patti Wilkes (First Steps), Frankie O'Neal (DELC Center), Beverlyann Austin (Upper Midlands Rural Health Network), Krystal Graham (CareLINK), Linda Tucker (DSS), Shirley Bates (CareLink), Sarah McMaster (Library), Kristi Godwin (Hospital), Edna Smith-Primus (SC Center for Equal Justice), Eric Hartley (Mental Health), Brenda Jackson (You First), Jane Boyter (Sickle Cell)

I. Chairperson Ms. McMaster called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. Approval of January 11, 2006 Minutes:
The minutes were approved as distributed.

IV. Officers Report

- A. **Chair:** Sarah McMaster – no report
Ms. McMaster proposed the following slate of officers for approval:
Sarah McMaster, Chair – (final year)
Linda Tucker, Vice – Chair (final year)
J. L. Dozier, Jr. – Secretary
Frankie O'Neal – Treasurer/Membership
Eric Hartley – At large member
- B. **Vice – Chair:** Linda Tucker had no report.
- C. **Secretary:** Ms. Kammermann had no report.
- D. **Treasurer/Membership:** Ms. O'Neal reported that there was \$632.98 in the bank.
Ms. O'Neal reported that members who have renewed their memberships are: Keep Fairfield Beautiful, Bethel ARP Church, Fairfield Behavioral Health Services, Fairfield County Library, First Steps and Palmetto Richland Health. Ms. O'Neal encouraged everyone to consider joining; Ms. O'Neal stated that as a member there was the benefit of the ability of listing their services on the list server at no charge and this list is distributed to belonging agencies. Ms. Kammermann asked that every member encourage another agency to join.
- E. FCHP Representative: There was no report.

V. Committee Reports:

- A. Executive: Presented earlier in meeting.
- B. Youth and Families: Valdon Walker reported that he will be leaving John A. Martin Primary Health Care Center at the end of the month to take a position in the private sector and will not be able to remain as chair of the Youth and Family committee. He stated that a new strategic plan needs to be developed for this committee.
- C. Nutrition: Ms. Kammermann reported that she attended a meeting on January 19, 2006 in reference to the Nutrition Action plan with The Duke Endowment and USC. The committee has placed an advertisement for a part time dietitian to work with the program. The Oral Health project has received grant money to continue operating through June, 2006. The Diabetes Support group continues to meet every month. Renia Foster, Health Nurse for Fairfield Central will be attending a Health Leadership conference this week.
- D. Membership: Ms. O'Neal again encouraged everyone to consider membership in the FCCC and to talk with other organizations about the Council in order make the service aware to

everyone. She suggested that information about the Council be distributed in the area churches.

- VI. Continuing Business: There was none.**
- VII. New Business: There was none.**
- VIII. Program: Sickle Cell Foundation presentation**

Ms. Jane Boyter, representative for the James R. Clark Memorial Sickle Cell Foundation presented a program on services offered by the organization. She distributed information about the disease and discussed the importance of early testing. She stated that the foundation and March of Dimes are working in cooperation to educate and inform as many students as possible about the importance of identifying those individuals that may carry the sickle cell trait and provide educational information and screenings. The "Breaking the Cycle Together" project offers free presentations and screenings for everyone.

In a comment to the group, Ms. Boyter suggested that the Herald-Independent should be contacted and an article written about the Council as she had no knowledge of the Council either. Ms. Boyter then excused herself from the meeting.

Following the presentation by Ms. Boyter, Ms. McMaster suggested the following program topics:

March: Scouts Organizations
April: Fairfield Behavioral Health Services and Chamber of Commerce Community Relations Council
May: No Suggestion
June: Tour of the new FMH Rehabilitation facility
July: No meeting
August: Phil Hinely, County Administrator, new County Budget and Outlook for the County

IX. Networking

Sandy Kammermann – (JMHC) FCCC has an identity crisis and asked for suggestions to publicize the council.

J. L. Dozier, Jr. (FMH): There is a conference being presented by the SC Rural Health Association in March and one of the topics to be discussed is the problem with transportation in rural areas.

Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library) – Story hour session on Tuesday's at 4:00 p.m. She currently has a USC intern at the library for a semester.

Krystal Graham (CareLINK) – The program currently has 660 participants with equal numbers from Newberry and Fairfield counties.

Frankie O'Neal (DELC) – Ms. O'Neal presented the following information about upcoming teleconferences: MS-13 Gang on Feb. 23; Steroid Issues: March 16; and Heroin: The Next Generation on March 30. Upcoming hot topics for center directors are "Child Care for Center Directors; Emergencies and in April the topic is "Parents – Friend or Foe".

Dr. Nelson (FCHS Principal) – Ms. O'Neal stated Dr. Nelson regrets that he could not attend. She discussed the "Read to Scooter" program underway in the high school where participants who read five books could win a scooter. She distributed information about the upcoming PTO meetings at FCHS. She also discussed the upcoming College Financial Aid Night presented by the Guidance Department on February 21.

Patti Wilkes (First Steps) - There is a Strategic Planning meeting on March 9 for First Steps. Everyone from the community is invited and she asked for input from the Council.

Rev. Greg Slater (Bethel ARP Church) – There will be a series of special services the following week with guest speaker Greg Oliver. The topic will be “Adventures in Prayer”. The services will be Monday – Wednesday, 4-5 p.m.

Valdon Walker (JMPHC) – Information on “Healing for Aides” is scheduled to be distributed the first week of March to area black churches. Ms. McMaster thanked Mr. Walker for his participation in the Council.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 AT 11:30 AT FAIRFIELD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CONFERENCE ROOM.