

## **Fairfield Community Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2004**

**Chairperson:** Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library)

**Members Present:** Sandy Kammermann and Valdon Walker (Martin Primary Health Care), Frances O'Neal (DELC and Railroad Museum), Greg Slater (Ministerial Assoc), Larry Dozier (FMH), Henrietta Harrison (Palmetto Healthy Start), Eric Hartley (Mental Health Center), Paula Coleman (Girl Scout Council)

**Visitors Present:** Rachel Gibson (Winnsboro Downtown Development), Steve Parrott (RetireEASE Senior Services)

**I. Meeting called to order 11:43 a.m.**

**II. Welcome and Introductions**

**III. Approval of Minutes:** December 2003 minutes were approved as presented.

**IV. Officer's Reports**

Chair: Sarah McMaster no report

Vice-Chair: Pelham Lyles not present

Secretary: Sandy Kammermann no report

Treasurer: Bank Balance as of 12/31/03 is \$825.88.

FCHP Representative: In the absence of Linda Tucker, Sandy Kammermann reported that Fairfield Health Partners is sponsoring a meeting on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss needs for dental services in the County. This meeting is being conducted by the Oral Health Division of DHEC and the Voices for South Carolina Children. We hope that all that received an invitation will be able to attend this meeting.

**V. Committee Reports**

A. Executive: No report

B. Youth & Families: Valdon Walker

C. Nutrition: Ms. Kammermann reported the next meeting is Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 p.m.

D. Membership: Ms. O'Neal reminded everyone that dues are due now as they are payable at the beginning of the calendar year. Dues may be submitted to Ms. O'Neal or mailed in to the PO Box number on the form.

**VI. Continuing Business: none**

**VII. New Business**

Larry Dozier announced the hospital board has discussed changing the method of payment to the hospital which would allow for higher reimbursement for services. It would be helpful to the hospital board to show that there is community support for this change and therefore would like to have a letter of support from this group.

Rev. Slater made a motion that FCCC support conversion of FMH into a critical access hospital for the purpose of Medicare reimbursement. The motion was seconded. Vote in favor was unanimous. Ms. McMaster will write the letter on behalf of the FCCC and forward it to Mr. Dozier.

**VIII. Program: Steve Parrott, RetireEASE: Senior Services**

Mr. Parrott explained that his business is new and started last September. There seems to be a real need for lots of seniors that need some help but yet they do not qualify for home health. RetireEASE personnel may help monitor the physical condition of the senior, help with personal care, dressing, bathing, transportation services, getting to the doctor's office, housekeeping, vacuuming, meal preparation, laundry services. These persons are CNA's or LPN's or semi-retired persons that do this part-time and serve as a companion for someone.

RetireEASE will cover Kershaw County, NE Richland, and some of Fairfield County. Richland Senior Primary Care Services provides services in these areas and there is a need. The services are presently full private pay at this point. It will take about 6 months for RetireEASE to get state and Long term care coverage for this type of care. Most seniors have not planned this and the responsibility comes back to persons in the community.

RetireEASE will hire and do background checks on everyone they employ. There is professional liability for all people they employ. Persons are fully insured and licensed.

The focus is on providing services for the senior population although they do serve a couple of younger persons with disabilities. The goal is to try to help keep people at home as long as possible. They can help identify resources in the community.

As a free Service: RetireEASE can provide in-home safety assessment to check for accident and fall related issues and recommend changes. They can also do free in-home assessments where they meet with Family and parent and connect the family with resources.

Mr. Parrot is also willing to do a free "Fall seminar" for groups of people. It covers topics such as, how to prevent falls, how to get up from a fall, etc. Right now he is concentrating on providing services in the Camden area. Mr. Parrot's would like to hire some people in other areas before he promotes the services elsewhere.

Valdon Walker mentioned he and the social work interns from the Martin Primary Health Care Center are also doing some assessments of seniors in their homes in conjunction with Dr. Hirth from Palmetto Senior Primary Care Services.

**IX. Networking:**

- A. Sarah McMaster, (Library): Children's programs coming up in February. Next Daycare provider's workshop is in March. Prevent Child Abuse will have a workshop in February for Daycare providers. We will let people know the date in case others are interested in attending.
- B. Rachel Gibson (Winnsboro Downtown Development Association) has been director for 6 weeks. Lots of people have ideas. People are optimistic Herald Independent will co-sponsor a slogan contest for downtown. Information kiosks will be put around town. Winnsboro part of "Main Street" program. They are in process of documenting all buildings downtown. Looking at renovating the old movie theater on Congress Street. Streetscape behind town clock will possibly be completed in spring – March or April.
- C. Frankie O'Neal (FHS DELC, and SC Railroad Museum):  
The State Executive Board of School Librarians will meet here in Fairfield County this week. The organization will be meeting at the Middle School. SC RR Museum is having their annual meeting and elections soon. Easter Bunny Train will be discussed at that meeting. Granite helped build this County and we are trying to build the line to Rockton Quarry. The RR Museum will be working on the lines during Easter. It is estimated 700 people per day come when there are train rides. This lack of visitors will impact the economy.  
School District : DELC is working with US Dept of Education for free program on internet safety. It will consist of 5 lessons for grades 5- 9. Will involved guidance counselors and law

enforcement. DELC hosts Mon-Thurs, 5-9 Distance Ed classes from South Carolina State University.

- D. Larry Dozier (FMH): South Carolina Rural Health Association is encouraging rural hospitals to team up and plan services together. Chester Hospital, FMH, and the Martin Primary Health Care Center are working on a planning grant to help coordinate services. FMH is still deciding where to put Cardiac Rehab. Probably will combine with Physical Therapy. We may build a Butler building behind Martin Center.
- E. Paula Coleman (Girls Scouts):  
Girls Scouts have 50 girls in 5 different troops in Fairfield County. 4 are in Winnsboro and 1 in Ridgeway. They need some adult volunteers to be able to form additional troops. Now is Girl Scout cookie sale time. Should be some cookie shops somewhere in the county.
- E. Eric Hartley (Mental Health Center): Mr. Hartley raised concern regarding an incident at The Mental Health clinic. They had a client that was very belligerent so called police. It took the police longer to get there than the personnel were comfortable with. After discussion, Mr. Hartley was encouraged to call EMS supervisor, Ms. Phyllis Watkins.
- F. Henrietta Harrison (Palmetto Healthy Start): Ms. Harrison announced the next Palmetto Health Start Fairfield County Community Consortium Meeting on January 29 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Calvary Presbyterian Church, 311 Vanderhorst Street, Winnsboro, SC 29180.
- G. Greg Slater (Ministerial Association):  
Bethel ARP Church is holding a series of Services next week, 4 – 5 pm Mon – Wed.  
Dr. Doug Jones will speak on the “World in Crisis.”  
Rev. Slater also reported that he saw an announcement in the paper regarding a meeting of the SC Educational Oversight Committee scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup> at 26<sup>th</sup> 8 am or 9 am.

**Next Meeting, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 p.m. at the Fairfield Memorial Hospital Conference Room.**