

## **Fairfield Community Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2005**

Chairperson: Sarah McMaster

Present: Larry Dozier (Fairfield Memorial Hospital), 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 Network), Karen Samuel (Fairfield School District Parenting Center), Edna Primus (SC Centers for Equal Justice), Mike Gray (United Way of the Midlands).

**I. Meeting was Called to Order at 11:45**

**II. Welcome and Introductions**

**III. Approval of May 2005 Minutes**

Valdon Walker moved the minutes of the May meeting be approved. Mr. Dozier seconded the motion. Minutes approved by acclamation.

**IV. Officers Reports**

- A. **Chair** – Sarah McMaster had no report.
- B. **Vice-Chair:** Linda Tucker had no report.
- C. **Secretary** – Sandy Kammermann had no report..
- D. **Treasurer/Membership Chair:** Ms. O'Neal did not have the current bank balance from Provident Bank. She announced she has membership forms if anyone needs them.
- E. **FCHP Representative:** Linda Tucker announced the Fairfield County Health Partners is now meeting every other month. The next meeting is tomorrow, May 12<sup>th</sup> and then they will not meet again until September.

**V. Committee Reports**

- A. **Executive:** Sarah McMaster no report.
- B. **Youth & Families:** Mr. Walker reported the subcommittee met 1<sup>st</sup> of June. The group looked at the brochures on teens and children and made corrections. The next meeting will be July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- C. **Nutrition:** Sandy Kammermann reported the subcommittee will meet May 26<sup>th</sup> in the Hospital Conference room. They are now meeting the 4th Thursday at 12:30. The committee is working to expand involvement of many groups in the community. They are looking forward to the launch of the State of South Carolina's plan to prevent obesity. The launch will take place, tomorrow, June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- D. **Membership:** No report.

**VI. Continuing Business**

Sarah McMaster reported she is still attempting to contact Marvin Miller with the Vocational School regarding the format of the brochures and paper that may have been pre-purchased. She has learned from Cheryl Caldwell that extra brochures are currently stored at the School District Parenting center, but those will be moved to the First Steps office. Thus anyone needing to pick up brochures can contact the First Steps office.

**VII. New Business**

Mike Gray passed out United Way IMPACT Matters reports. The lead article brings to your attention importance of education of children by parents. There will soon be a TV campaign about this. United Way is also applying for a grant – developing partnerships with faith and community based nonprofit organizations. He is meeting with Preston Huntley, the Chair of the Fairfield Ministerial Association. The grant provides team leadership and training.. They are capacity building mini-grants. On-site technical assistance will be provided. United Way is working with a variety of organizations. Focus issues this year are: homelessness and substance abuse, and literacy. Mr. Gray also announced that IBM is giving computers to child care centers. He is in the process of identifying centers in Fairfield County. If you are aware of centers in the area that might be interested, let him know. It was suggested that he contact Rev. Gloria Williams, Chairperson of the African American Ministerial Association.

**VIII. Program: Ms. Audrey Smith, from the Palmetto Health Office of Community Services Health Richland .**

The Office of Community Health wants to expand community screening into areas outside of where they are currently screening. They would like our help in determining sites where screening could be done. Types of screening that could be done are: Cancer screening, diabetes – HBA1C, clinical breast exams, mammograms, pap smears. PSA screening. Screenings are for all adults and any race. Screenings are free if adult is eligible for free services. Some scheduled screenings are:

Free Women’s Health Screening at Palmetto Family Primary Health Care Center on June 9th

Men’s Health Dinner at Palmetto Health Baptist, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Men’s Health Day at Richland Primary Health Care, June 11<sup>th</sup> .

Several Screenings are scheduled in Richland County. They will hold some in Fairfield County. This is regardless of income or insurance.

**IX. Networking:**

- A. Edna Primus (SC Center for Justice) reminded committee members that legal services are available at the Good Samaritan House on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 10 am –12 noon.
- B. Larry Dozier (Fairfield Memorial Hospital) announced that plans for the medical clinic in the western section of Fairfield County are moving along. Palmetto Family Primary Health Care Center will operate the clinic. A site may now have been identified on Hwy 215. They anticipate a rather large building being built using grant funds 2-3 years from now. The county is negotiating land. Hopefully a temporary facility will be up 30-60 days. Having a clinic in the western part of the county will help some with the transportation difficulties some people have. It will be open – 2 ½ days to start with and then become full time as the patient load increases.  
The Fairfield Memorial Hospital Board has agreed to start a contract for a mobile MRI to be brought in. It will be here on Tues or Wed and parked at back door. MRI’s are usually not done on an emergency basis so one day /week will work for most people. The hospital already does CT scans. They send digital images to Minnesota to be read at night through Nighthawk Services.  
FMH is also going to replace all furniture in patient rooms. The Gala proceeds are replacing recliners. Board has agreed to replace the beds.  
Larry Dozier announced the Birthday party for FMH on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 5 p.m. The celebration will be held out in front of the Hospital. Several dignitaries have been invited. John Spratt and Jim DeMint will be here. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the hospital.
- C. Sandy Kammermann (Martin Primary Health Care Center) distributed fliers about the next set of FREE Prenatal Classes to be held at the Martin Center in July and August. She also announced that a Meningococcal vaccine is now recommended for all kids 11 and up. Also reminded committee members to encourage people to walk on the Right Weight Path. The County recently resurfaced it for us. We have some new incentives for people who log their laps.
- D. Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library). The library is in the early stages of the summer reading program. The sign up was last Saturday. There are activities every Tuesday morning and Thurs evening at 7 pm. A couple of special programs on Thurs morning. Ridgeway Branch quietly opened again. There is a grand-opening planned for June 29<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm . It is located downtown Ridgeway in old liquor store.
- E. Mike Gray (United Way of the Midlands) reminded committee members that each council of the United Way as RFP’s for grants. One focus is families and children and childcare for foster children.
- F. Sandy Kammermann (Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition). The next meeting will be August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the DSS conference room. We need more interested community persons to be involved with this issue. Several activities were planned during May which was Teen Pregnancy Prevention month. Brenda Jackson is in the process of writing the grant for continue funding.

**X. Next Meeting: August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 11:30 in Fairfield Memorial Hospital Conference Room.**

**NOTE: NO MEETING IN JULY**