

Fairfield Community Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 10, 2004

Present: Chantay Porter, Joann McCray, Frances Lee O'Neal, Pelham Lyles, Patti Wilkes, Teresa Byrd, Larry Dozier, Greg Slater, Linda Tucker, Henrietta Harrison, Candace Rice, Valdon Walker, Joy Jay, Louise Johnson, Lorraine Hubert

- I. **Pelham Lyles, vice – president, called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m.**
- II. **Introductions were made**
- III. **Approval of February 2004 Minutes.**
- IV. **Officers' Reports**
 - A. **Chair** – Sarah McMaster – No report
 - B. **Vice-Chair** – Pelham Lyles. No report.
 - C. **Secretary** – Sandy Kammermann. No report
 - D. **Treasurer** – Ms. Wilkes gave the treasurer's report of \$896.88.
- V. **FCHP Representative** – Ms. Tucker reported there will be a Health Partners meeting on Thursday, March 11 at 2:00 at DHEC.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Executive** – No report.
 - B. **Youth & Families** – Greg Slater reported that information is now being collected about summer programs to again offer a leaflet with all programs available to school children in the county.
 - C. **Nutrition** – No report.
 - D. **Membership** – Mrs. O'Neal thanked those who have sent in membership dues and offered all others a copy of the membership form
- VII. **Continuing Business**
 - A. **Church Mailing list.** Ms. Tucker is still working on a obtaining a more current mailing list for churches. Patti Wilkes will provide her with the list that Rev. D.S. President is making available to First Steps.
- VIII. **New Business**
 - A. A grant for funding a program for finding medical homes for indigent patients is being sought. This is to get patients in some type of continual care with primary care physicians and to lessen the load on emergency rooms. A motion was made that this group provide a letter of endorsement for this project. A second was given and all were in agreement. Sarah will be asked to write this letter.
 - B. A \$10,000 HIV awareness grant has been obtained through Behavioral Health Services. Health fairs are being planned in areas to cover the county.
- IX. **Networking**
 - A. Patti Wilkes distributed information on the Strategic Planning meeting for First Steps which will be on March 11 at 6:00 at the Parent Resource center. She also distributed flyers to be taken back for display to encourage attendance at the Imagination Library kick off which will be on Saturday, March 27 at the Library from 10:00 – 1:00.
 - B. Greg Slater announced that during Holy Week, April 5 – 9, the First Methodist Church will have daily sermons at 12:00 noon, followed by lunch.
 - C. Pelham Lyles presented information from the Chamber about the March 26th Crappie tournament. She also reminded us of the Barn Again exhibit which will be at the Museum for a 6 week period beginning in May. She hopes to have a more detailed calendar of events at the Museum available at the April meeting.
 - D. Paula Coleman announced that this is Girl Scout week, and that Girl Scouts is celebrating 92 years. The orientation of 8 leaders is planned, but more leaders are being recruited. Cookies will be available at Wal Mart this Saturday.
 - E. Frankie O'Neal distributed information on the Internet Safety program which will be introduced at a Parent's Meeting at Fairfield Intermediate School on Thursday, March 18 at 6:30. She also reminded those in attendance of the ongoing training through public library for childcare professionals. For the Railroad Museum, Mrs. O'Neal reported that

the track is being extended to the quarry. They are presently at the 'cut'. This work will cause some train ride dates to be interrupted. She will keep us updated. Additionally, Mrs. O'Neal reminded us of the April 10th 'Fly-In' at the Fairfield County Airport. Information on the different programs available in Fairfield County can be distributed at the Fly-In. All information should be sent to the Chamber for distribution.

- F. JoAnn McCray of YOUTH (Youth Options Under Teen Health) gave information about their program. They are currently teaching abstinence and STD safety to youth between the ages of 8 and 19. There are currently 147 children enrolled. They are planning a repeat program by Dr. James Stands at this time. He gave a program in December. Funding for this program is through DHHS and the county.

X. Program

Joy Jay and Louise Johnson of the SC Dept of Mental Health returned to ask for input following the February program in which we learned about a program that Mental Health hopes to bring to Fairfield County. This is a collaboration of state agencies that touch a child. They meet regularly and work together to coordinate care and make plans. It's mission is: to develop and implement a collaborative process for local planning, decision making, and managing of fiscal resources on behalf of children who are receiving or are potentially in need of residential therapeutic services. After much discussion, it was agreed that input from the Fairfield County School system is an absolute *must* in order for this program to be a success. Several contact people were suggested in order to get the participation and cooperation of the School District. This group has applied for a Diversion Grant.

XI. Adjournment - 1:00PM

REMINDER: Next Meeting, Wednesday, April 11th at 11:30 a.m. at Fairfield Memorial Hospital.

Minutes submitted by Patti Wilkes