

## **Fairfield Community Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes, November 10, 2004**

Chairperson: Sarah McMaster

Present: Larry Dozier (Fairfield Memorial Hospital), Patti Wilkes (First Steps), Paula Coleman (Girl Scouts), Greg Slater (Ministerial Association and Bethel ARP), Linda Tucker (Dept of Social Services), Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library), Jean Govan, (Palmetto Family Primary Health Care).

- I. Ms. McMaster Called the meeting to Order at 11:40 a.m.**
- II. Welcome and Introductions**
- III. Approval of October 2004 Minutes**

Rev. Slater moved the minutes be approved as distributed. Ms. Wilkes seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. Officers Reports**
  - A. Chair – Sarah McMaster had no report
  - B. Vice-Chair: Pelham Lyles not present
  - C. Secretary – Sandy Kammermann had no report
  - D. Treasurer: Position is vacant. Ms. McMaster reported the Bank balance is \$763.38
  - E. FCHP Representative: Linda Tucker no report
- V. Committee Reports**
  - A. Executive: Sarah McMaster no report
  - B. Youth & Families: In the absence of Mr. Walker, Ms. Kammermann reported the Youth and Family Committee discussed the need for mentoring programs in the county. Members of the committee are in the process of taking a survey of what mentoring programs might be in place in the county. The next meeting is December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m.
  - C. Nutrition: Ms. Kammermann reported that a Weight Watchers class has started in the community and is taking place at the skate rink. In addition, a children's weight control program has been funded by the United Way and is a joint effort of the Behavioral Health Services and the Recreation Commission. Planning for a BMI and Diabetes Screening of 11<sup>th</sup> grade students at Fairfield Central High School is in process and should take place soon. The Nutrition Committee will soon be planning activities for National Nutrition Month.
  - D. Membership: Ms. McMaster reminded members that new 2005 membership dues will be due in January
- VI. Continuing Business**

Ms. McMaster reported the Fairfield County Library: is receiving funding from the Pсарis Foundation. The basic idea is to provide a packet of books to new parents and send them basic information about the library. If person brings a coupon from the packet to the library, they will receive a free book from McMaster Foundation. The Pсарis Foundation asked that the library raise some matching funds – so \$500 was raised by Friends of the Library. This will focus on baby through Kindergarten.
- VII. New Business**

Ms. McMaster appointed a nominating committee to present a slate of officers for the 2005 year. This slate should be presented at the December meeting. Ms. Patti Wilkes agreed to serve on the committee.
- VIII. Program: United Way Reorganization**
  - A. Kathy Olson: Director of Education, Jobs & Life Skills  
United Way is in the process of re-organization around community issues. This has lead to the establishment of the community councils. There are a total of 5 community

councils. Beginning in July 2005, United Way will be transitioning from funding agencies to funding projects. The transition will be a 4 year process. The facing facts document is the guideline for funding. Use the Key Issues on back page. An assessment was done and priorities set. Council members are responsible for planning, evaluating, and tracking the results. They hope to see changes and better tracking of results from programs. Councils will be guided by best practices. The plan is to build partnerships and help find funding streams.

One of the Councils is the Education, Job & Life Skills Council. The mission of this council is to help create a community of individuals that value education as a process as a better way of life and then the people need to be engaged in leadership. Help youth succeed. Partner with Families with schools, and DSS. In SC we are 5th in graduation rates and that is a problem for our communities. When it comes to adult literacy and family literacy 50% of the SC population was at the lowest 2 rungs of the adult literacy. This is an intergenerational problem. Just completed investment plan. Focused bulk of money in 1<sup>st</sup> 2 issues. Will distribute RFPs.

B. Anita Floyd: Director of Food, Shelter, Safety, and Transportation.

Purposes of this council:

1. Make food more accessible – Hard to reach population, rural, seniors, youth
2. Improve sheltering capacity and access to affordable housing

We can help by:

- a. Being part of council (serve on a subcommittee)
- b. As an agency- to secure funding. Become certified as a qualified non-profit. Certification process is just to make sure they are well-functioning agencies.

On Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> – there will be a Breakfast Meeting for Community Assembly. The investment plan will be unveiled then.

Sarah McMaster ask that all of us begin to get involved. Fairfield County needs to have a representative on each council. Encourage all of us to participate in these councils. They are coming up with the investment plan and strategy and need help. They want people from the county involved and participating. There are approximately 30 people on each council.

Anticipate funding across councils in the coming years. Councils meet monthly at first and then 4 – 6 times per year. Committees meet intensively over shorter period of time.

Fairfield County persons currently on councils:

Sarah McMaster is on the Education , Job Preparation, and Life Skill,  
Sabine Lang is on the Families, Individuals and Children.

## IX. Networking:

A. Patti Wilkes (First Steps) Announced the annual First Steps meeting will be held in January 2005. The date has not yet been set.

B. Larry Dozier (Fairfield Memorial Hospital) announced the Fairfield/Newberry Carelink is in the planning stages. It will assist in providing access to health care for un-insured persons. This is a replica of Richland CARES. CareLink is in the process of hiring personnel. They hope to be up and running by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. The County giving office space at DSS for 4 personnel. The Fairfield /Chester Network: is a planning grant to finding opportunities to collaborate in providing health services between the two counties. This process has been slowed due to the change in Chester Hospital. It has been sold and is now a for-profit hospital with a new administrator. The network is advertising to hire a part-time administrator. Hospital has newly updated website – [www.fairfieldmemorial.com](http://www.fairfieldmemorial.com)

C. Paula Coleman (Girl Scouts). Ms. Coleman announced that Girl Scout cookie time is coming soon – January 7, 2005 start taking pre-orders. Delivery to the girls, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Cookies will still be \$3.00 per box. There are now the following troops in Fairfield County.

1 GS troop in Lebanon , 1 in Jenkinsville, 1 in Hassion Hill

D. Rev. Greg Slater (ARP Church and Ministerial Association) announced the annual Community Thanksgiving Service is Wed, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. At the Church of the Nazarine. Items will be collected for the Food Pantry and Good Samaritan house. There will also be a Community Thanksgiving Meal - prepared at the First Church of Nazarine. St. Mark Baptist and others will be involved. Food will be served between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thanksgiving day. Sheriff's Dept will help deliver to those that cannot come to site. A planning meeting is being held at the First Church of Nazarine. They are requesting corporate donations and hope to serve over 200 people. Plans are in progress for the annual Christmas Party for inmates at the Detention Center. They will be putting together bags of Personal toiletry items. Betty Swink, at County Administration or Thelma Hicklin at 635-4065 may be contacted for more information.

E. Linda Tucker (DSS) announced that DSS is helping with Families Helping Families through WIS TV. DSS accepted applications in the summer and then they take a truck to Columbia to pick up items for the families of Fairfield County. Linda Tucker is the contact.

F. Sarah McMaster (Library) announced the Trim the Tree Party – 7 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs in December.

Children can make an ornament, read, trim tree. On Sunday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, Friends of the Library Is sponsoring a speaker, Ann \_\_\_\_\_ “Voices over Water”. The library has received a Grant to upgrade software circulation system. Ridgeway branch library still looking for a place to go. Packing things up there now. Encourage you to look at the community calendar. People in community are helping to get more dates/events on the calendar. Can access through the FCCC Website, chamber of Commerce website, and Downtown Development website.

G. Sandy Kammermann (John A. Martin Primary Health Care Center) announced the FREE prenatal classes that are open to any expecting moms in the community are going on now. Through a partnership with Fairfield County First Steps we are able to provide free infant car seats to Moms who attend the required classes.

H. Jean Govan, (Palmetto Family Primary Health Care) announced they are still providing care. Serve a lot of underinsured.

**X. Next FCCC meeting: Wednesday, December 8, 2004**