

## **Fairfield Community Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2004**

Chairperson: Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library)

Members Present: Danny Miller and Jeff Long (Fairfield County Schools), Patti Wilkes (First Steps), Frankie O'Neal (DELC), Linda Tucker (DSS), Vernon Kennedy and Diane Perry (Fairfield Behavioral Health Services), Valdon Walker and Sandy Kammermann (Martin Primary Health Care Center), Greg Slater (Bethel ARP Church & Ministerial Association)

I. **Meeting called to order 11:40 a.m.**

II. **Introductions**

III. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Walker moved to accept the September minutes, Ms. O'Neal seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

IV. **Officer's Reports**

**Chair:** Sarah McMaster no report.

**Vice-Chair:** Pelham Lyles not present

**Secretary:** Sandy Kammermann no report

**Treasurer:** Ms. McMaster reported the Council still need a new person to serve as treasurer. Our bank balance as of last month was \$773.38.

**FCHP Representative:** Linda Tucker announced that the Fairfield Community Health Partners has received the grant for providing access to care for uninsured citizens of Fairfield. A small committee of 10 with five persons from Fairfield County and five from Newberry County was formed to start planning and implementation. The next FCHP meeting is Thursday, October 14, 2004 at 2 p.m.

V. **Committee Reports**

**Youth & Family:** Valdon Walker reported the group met this month. They are discussing of the group. Some new people attended the meeting and there was good discussion regarding mentoring programs and rewarding achievement of young people. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 3, 2004.

**Nutrition Committee:** Sandy Kammermann reported the committee participated in the Rock Around the Clock. In addition, they are promoting three upcoming programs. One is the Way to Go Kids program to address obesity in children and adolescents. The program targets 8 – 13 years olds. The program will be starting later in October. In addition, a Weight Watchers program for adults is forming and will start October 25<sup>th</sup>. Interested persons should contact Lynn Douglas at Fairfield Memorial Hospital. On November 11, there will be a Diabetes Care Fair at the Diabetes Education Center from 4 – 6 p.m. Several vendors will be there and screening will be available. In addition, there is the SC African American Conference on Diabetes Columbia on November 8th. The registration fee is \$5.00.

**Membership:** Frankie O'Neal distributed membership flyers. 2005 dues will need to be paid in January.

V. **Continuing Business:** Ms. McMaster asked if anyone who had submitted a funding request to the Psarus Foundation had heard back from them. Vernon Kennedy stated that Fathers Matters had been turned down. Ms. McMaster reported that the Library had been asked to submit a letter to the Foundation and they are still in communication with Sue Holmes. The Library requested that they fund a program to link the library to other programs through packets that are given out at other agencies (1<sup>st</sup> Steps, Fathers Matters, DHEC, Martin Center) and there would be an encouragement for families to get a library card.

**VII. New Business: None**

**VIII Program: Danny Miller, Fairfield County Schools**

Mr. Miller discussed the Safe and Drug Free School Program in the School District as well as Red Ribbon Week activities. The week is scheduled for October 23 – 31<sup>st</sup>. A proclamation has been signed naming the week as Red Ribbon week and that will be in the tabloid in the newspaper coming out soon. There is a luncheon on Wed, October 27<sup>th</sup> that the community is invited to. Assemblies will be held at each school, public and private. See documents attached for specifics about the Safe & Drug Free School program and Red Ribbon Week activities.

**IX. Networking**

1. Vernon Kennedy (Fairfield Behavioral Health Services) The Career Tracks Training Program through Adult Education is up and running. The first group of people are in Track 1: Career Preparation phase. Next they will choose one of four tracks for training: Welding, Carpentry, Masonry or Certified Nursing Assistant. All agencies are encouraged to refer persons for the next Track 1 program which will begin in January. Contact Behavioral Health Services for more information.
2. Diane Perry (Fairfield Behavioral Health Services). The Way to Go Kids: A Weight Control program for children ages 8 – 13 will be starting the end of October. Please refer anyone interested. This program is a cooperative effort between Fairfield Memorial Hospital, the Recreation Association and Behavioral Health and is funded by United Way.
3. Sandy Kammermann (Martin Primary Health Care Center). The Prenatal Classes offered by the Center have started and will continue through November. These are free and open to anyone in the community who is pregnant. Women do not have to be receiving their prenatal care at the Martin Center to attend.
4. Greg Slater (Bethel ARP Church and Ministerial Association). The local pastors are in the process of planning the Annual community Thanksgiving service. The Ministerial Association Pastors are also exploring the possibility of starting a Children's Ministry Fellowship after school in some schools in Fairfield County. Letters were sent out to over 100 churches in the area to determine their interest.
5. Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library). The library is planning the annual Halloween Costume Contest on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. They are also planning a series of programs with Rev. Clyde McCants. There will be 4 programs in October and November on "Light Operettas".
6. Frankie O'Neal (DELC) ETV along with the DELC is sponsoring several Child Care seminars. Dates and topics are: October 21: See as a Child, Feel as a Child, December 2: The Ins and Outs of Good Circle Times; March 31, 2005: A Key to Quality Child Care.. Implementing, Supporting, & Using Child Observations; April 14, 2005: Easy Ways to Boost Kids' Brain Power; May 26, 2005: Changing Spaces. These are all from 7 - 9 p.m. in the High School. Call the Library to register for the teleconferences. The Fairfield Central Senior high class along with the Lions Club is sponsoring collection of old eyeglasses during the week of October 25 – 29<sup>th</sup>.
7. Patti Wilkes (First Steps). First Steps has a new Executive Director, Cheryl Caldwell. There is a board meeting scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup>. There are still openings on the board if you know of anyone who is willing to serve and would meet one of the criteria of positions needed.

**X. Meeting Adjourned: 1:15 p.m.**

**XI. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 11:30 a.m.**