

Fairfield Community Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes, September 10, 2004

Chairperson: Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library)

Members Present: Sam McKee (United Way of Midlands), Valdon Walker and Sandy Kammermann (Martin Primary Health Care Center), Jean Govan (Palmetto Family Primary Health Care), Paula Coleman (Girl Scouts), Larry Dozier (Fairfield Memorial Hospital), Greg Slater (Bethel ARP Church & Ministerial Association)

I. **Meeting called to order 11:50 a.m.**

II. **Introductions**

III. **Approval of August minutes will be postponed until the next meeting.**

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 \$798.38

FCHP Representative: Linda Tucker not present. The next meeting is September 9, 2004.

V. **Committee Reports**

Youth & Family: Valdon Walker reported the group met this month. They are discussing and regrouping to try to get more people to the table. Several other individuals who work with you will be invited to the meeting next month. That meeting will be Wednesday, October 6, 2004.

Nutrition Committee: Sandy Kammermann reported the committee had not met this month. However, several committee members are involved in rewriting a grant to submit to HRSA for a Rural Health Outreach Grant in regard to Diabetes. This would provide funds for the Diabetes Education Center, partnering with many other agencies to take educational programs and services to outlying areas in the county. Another grant that the United Way of the Midlands has awarded to Behavioral Health Services is the grant to address obesity in children and adolescents. It is a grant with one year of funding targeting 8 – 13 years olds. The program will be starting this fall. The nutrition committee members are also planning for the Rock Around the Clock on Oct. 2nds.

Membership: Frankie O'Neal not present.

VI. **Continuing Business: None**

VII. **New Business: None**

VIII **Program: Sam McKee of the United Way of the Midlands "Grant Writing Tips. "**

Ms. McKee discussed resources for funding and finding funds. She discussed the idea of planning for future funding availability by monitoring government objectives. She passed out several resources which include: Guide Star website, Columbia Community Foundation, SC Library website, Glossary of Terms, School Grants Bi-Monthly Newsletter.

Ms. McKee noted it is important to note who the board members of for Profit and Non-Profit organizations are. Also, read the RFP for the grants carefully. Make sure you are qualified to apply to the organization. Keep the language in your proposal clear and make it at least 12 point font. Use simple language readers can understand. You can also approach local businesses and ask directly for funds.

Ms. McMaster offered to have the websites that were discussed by Ms. McKee today listed on the FCCC website. Some of those websites are:

www.fdncenter.org
www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/grants
www.firstgov.gov/Business/Nonprofit
www.state.sc.us/scsl/grants
www.cccfsc.org

IX. Networking

1. Larry Dozier (Fairfield Memorial Hospital). The hospital is in the process of converting to Critical Access Hospital. FMH was recently notified they are receiving a \$936,000 HRSA grant. This is to provide access to care to uninsured persons of all ages in Fairfield County. This is based on a model used in Columbia called, "Richland Care" based at Palmetto Health. This was written through Health Partners as the lead agency in collaboration with many agencies in Fairfield and Newberry counties and with FMH as the fiduciary. They will be hiring people soon. A governing body will be put together representing Fairfield and Newberry County. Grant funding began Sept 1., 2004
Another grant was received from the SC Office of Rural Health as a planning grant to start a network to share health services with Chester County. The idea is to try to share equipment and staff. There are discussions taking place to see if this planning group can partner with the other access to care grant.
2. Jean Govan (Palmetto Family Primary Health Care Center) announced the addition of some physicians to the practice. Dr. Yearwood (part-time pediatrician), Dr. Aderaju (Internist), Dr. McElmurray (part-time providing OB services). The psychiatrist is Dr. Spinelli comes one day per month. Judith Crocker-Billingsley of Winnstead & Associates provide counseling every Monday. On Oct. 30th the Center is sponsoring a Halloween festival for children at the Center.
3. Valdon Walker (Martin Primary Health Care Center) asked interested individuals and agencies to join Youth & Family Subcommittee meeting which will be held, Wednesday, October 6th at 9 a.m. at the Martin Center.
4. Sam McKee (United Way). The United Way is starting their yearly campaign in the county.
5. Sandy Kammermann (Martin Primary Health Care Center). The next series of Prenatal Classes offered by the Center will be in October. 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. The fall Weight Control Clinic will begin September 20th. The registration deadline is September 16th. Flyers about both programs were distributed.
6. Greg Slater (Bethel ARP Church and Ministerial Association). The local pastors are in the process of planning the Annual community Thanksgiving service. The Mental Health Support Group to help families of children and youth meets the 3rd Thursday of every month. Oct 1 & 2 there is a state-wide conference open to families titled "Our Child and Family Driven System of Care". State Federation of Families is sending families to Beaufort County to look at the COSY system and how it works. The FCCC had a presentation regarding COSY in the past year sometime.
7. Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library). Lots of students earned reading medals this summer. Lots of activities planned for the year. Ridgeway branch still closed and they are still looking for a new site in Ridgeway.

X. Meeting Adjourned: 12:45 p.m.

XI. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 13, 2004 at 11:30 a.m.