

Fairfield Community Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2005

Chairperson: Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library)

Members: Patti Wilkes (First Steps), Brenda Jackson (YOUTH First: Teen Pregnancy Prev), Paula Coleman (Girl Scouts), Shirley Bates (Fairfield CARELink), Linda Tucker (DSS), Sandy Kammermann and Valdon Walker (John A. Martin Primary Health Care Center), Terry Vickers (Fairfield Chamber of Commerce), Greg Slater (Bethel ARP Church and Ministerial Association), Eric Hartley and Cassie Kaiser (Fairfield Mental Health), Larry Dozier (Fairfield Memorial Hospital), Diane Perry (Fairfield Behavioral Health), Edna Primus (SC Centers for Equal Justice).

I. **Meeting was Called to Order** at 11:48 a.m. by Chairperson, Sarah McMaster

II. **Welcome and Introductions**

III. **Approval of August 2005 meeting minutes**

Mr. Walker moved the minutes of the August 2005 meeting be approved. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

IV. **Officer's Reports**

- A. Chair - Sarah McMaster no report
- B. Vice-Chair – Linda Tucker no report
- C. Secretary – Sandy Kammermann no report
- D. Treasurer/Membership – In Frankie O'Neal's absence, Patti Wilkes reported there is \$697.98 in the bank account.
- E. FCHP Representative - Linda Tucker reported that Linda Daniels had announced at the last meeting that a \$10,000 grant to provide community health dental care for children in county was received by the Health Department. The patient navigator is Connie Cooper. Connie will be assisting in getting referral from providers and other sources in the county and then getting the patients appointments with a Dentist at the Ridgeway Health Center. The Dentist is there on Wednesdays & Thursdays. Ms. Tucker also announced that the School District has received a \$6 million Safe & Drug Free Schools grant, and a \$100,000 Emergency Planning Grant. In addition, Ms. Beverlyann Austin is working with the Upper Midlands Health Network to write a grant to expand Diabetes services in the two county area.

V. **Committee Reports**

- A. **Executive:** Ms. McMaster reminded all that our website address for the FCCC is www.fairfieldccc.org
- B. **Youth & Families:** Mr. Walker reported that revisions of the Youth brochures are in progress. Beth is typing it up. It will be reviewed and the next meeting. Ms. McMaster added that will be in MS Word and we can post the brochures on the FCCC website. Then can decide if we also want to print copies for individuals. We need to look at the topics of the other brochures and get those revised : Food , Shelter, Transportation, and Family Violence are topics of other brochures.
- C. **Nutrition Committee:** Ms. Kammermann reported that the nutrition committee is sponsoring a LEARN Weight Management Class beginning in September. This will be team-taught by Sandy Kammermann and Patra Sullivan. In addition, the committee is sponsoring the training of pre-school teachers in the county in use of the Color Me Healthy Curriculum. Several teachers have been trained and we are looking for additional funding to purchase kits for remaining teachers throughout the county. The committee plans to also work with the grocery stores in the county. Right Now the committee is making plans for a booth at the Rock Around the Clock, the subject of which will be "5 A Day". We are looking for student

volunteers to wear the fruit and vegetable costumes from state office of DHEC walking around the festival. Other activities of the nutrition committee include promoting the Diabetes Center classes and support group that will be held this month.

D. **Membership:** No report

VI. **Continuing Business:** None

New Business: Sarah McMaster asked members for ideas for future programs. Program possibilities mentioned include: Downtown Development, Good Samaritan House, African American Ministerial Association, Ridgeway Family Medicine Clinic. Ms. McMaster will contact these agencies to determine interest in doing a program for the FCCC.

VII. **Program: Chamber of Commerce Update, Terry Vickers**

The Chamber has new newsletter with the first issue being Summer 2005. Copies were distributed to those present.

The Rock Around the Clock Festival is scheduled for September 30th and October 1st will be the best ever. Activities planned include: A Hot Dog Eating Contest, Parade at 7 pm on Friday Night, Band from Charlotte will play Friday night, a Food Court. Then Saturday morning the Rail, Rocks, and Clock 5 K run. There is a new flat route for this race. Baptist Church is Headquarters for the race. The race will end at the Bethel ARP Church. The Walk will be organized by the "Walking club" and it will start at 8 am. The times for the Festival on Saturday are 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. There will be bands, choirs, and in the evening 2 bands will play. There will be a children's play area, petting zoo, make and take booths, and pony rides. Sporting Clay shoot sponsored by Richard Winn as a fundraiser. Railroad Museum will be running train rides. There will be a "Cruise In" Car Show. The Town of Winnsboro is very helpful with this festival.

Other news at the Chamber:

October 13: Redcoats and Rascals Restaurant Grand Opening is scheduled for October 13th. The restaurant will be open during the festival also. They will be open for lunch Tuesday through Friday and for evening meals Thursday – Saturday.

The Autumn Issue of the Sandlapper Magazine has a nice article on Downtown Winnsboro. Joe Wilkes is president of the Downtown Development Committee. Fairfield will have an article published in each issue of Sandlapper. You can purchase the magazine at David's Flowers.

Feb 4th of 2006 will be the first Miss and Teen Fairfield County. (with the exception of one held many many years ago). The winner would go to the Miss SC Pageant. This is part of the Miss America pageant system.. This is a scholarship pageant. We have to have at least 5 contestants and are in the process of recruiting those now.

The Carolina Adventure Park on Camp Welfare Road at Exit 46 will open the first phase in Spring 2006. This is an international design park that will bring international competitions to Fairfield County. Competitions will be for ATVs and Dirt Bikes. Phase III will have horse trails. The total park will be completed in 5 years. This entire project is tied with Parks Recreation and Tourism with State of SC. This park has the potential to bring a lot of tourism and revenue to Fairfield County.

VIII. **Networking:**

A. Brenda Jackson (You First: Teen Pregnancy Prevention). October is "Let's Talk Month". The national month to focus on parents talking to their kids about sex and other issues of importance. There will be some promotional activities going on. The teen outreach program (TOP) will be implemented at Richard Winn Academy again this fall.

B. Paula Coleman (Girl Scouts): There is a troop starting at Kelly Miller and Fairfield Elementary School.

C. Sarah McMaster (Library): For upcoming Haunted Weekend, October 29th and 30th the Friends of Library have invited Nancy Roberts to speak. Ms. Roberts is from NC and has written many ghost type books. Then there will also be the traditional costume contest on Halloween Day afternoon for kids.

Other children's programs will start in October. All that information is on the library website. The new Ridgeway Branch is open and doing fine. It is open 4 afternoons/week 2 -6 p.m. The response has been good.

D. Sandy Kammermann (John A. Martin Primary Health Care) A flyer listing the October/November Prenatal Classes was distributed. These classes are free and open to anyone in the community who is pregnant. Ms. Kammermann also announced that Sept 20th is “Take a Loved One for a Checkup” Day.

E. Greg Slater (Bethel ARP) announced that his church will be having an “All Saints Day Service on 11 a.m. on October 30th”.

F. Linda Tucker (DSS) announced that there is a Kids Camp at the Nazarene Church.

G. Eric Hartley (Mental Health Center) introduced Ms. Cassie Kaiser who is a student intern at the Mental Health Center this year.

H. Larry Dozier (Fairfield Memorial Hospital) reported that during Hurricane Katrina there was a conference call between all the health care institutions in the midlands to plan coordination of care of evacuees. The SC response was great. We never got any great numbers in Fairfield County. There may have been a few individuals who came to stay with local relatives. All the hospitals were coordinating efforts and it was nice to hear the willingness of everyone to help. Mr. Dozier suggested perhaps we ask our local Emergency Response person to present a program to the FCCC. In other news, construction has started. A bulldozer is clearing brush behind Fairfield Medical Associates. They will be making additional parking out front and out back of the hospital. A rehabilitation facility will be built right behind the Martin Center. Some new beds were purchased for the hospital. Some of previous beds dated back to 1985. The hospital and County are moving ahead with the medical facility on Hwy 215 and Meadowlake Road. They are leasing the land of 3 acres right next to the convenience store in Monticello. Palmetto Primary Health Care Center will operate it.

I. Diane Perry (Fairfield Behavioral Health Services). The IFS program will sponsor training for counselors. Contact Geniece Summers for more information. Date is September 30th in the DSS Conference room.

Smoking Cessation Classes are held in the FMH Conference Room on Tuesday evenings.

J. Edna Prius (SC Centers for Equal Justice). The Center will be doing a Family Law Clinic on Thurs, Sept 29th at 6 pm. Then there will be one for r Seniors Citizens at 2 pm Oct 6th.

K. Linda Tucker (DSS) Fairfield County Food bank is in dire need of food. They sent all their stored food to Columbia for Katrina Victims.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

Next meeting, Wednesday, October 12, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. in Fairfield Memorial Hospital Conference Room