

Haralson Family Connection Coalition
Minutes of the Quarterly Collaborative Meeting
January 21, 2010

The Haralson Family Connection Coalition Board met on January 21, 2010, in the Wayne Davis Room of the Haralson County Chamber of Commerce.

Attending were the following: Hollie Presnal, Rena Dunn, Candy Chandler, Doris Liner, John Lebowitz, Anthony Berryhill, Jason Atkinson, Mary Elliott, Vicki Lambert, Tina Williams, Richard Robinson, Donna Williams, Holly Otwell, Sumiko Stroud, Linda Ware, Terrell McBrayer, Kerri DeFoe, Karen Kirchler, Ruthie Sakini-Woody, Robin Landers, Renee Parlier, Betty Candler, Benjamin Biggers, Suzette Moore, Bill Andersen, Libby Smith, Erin Conaway, Hope Sams, Dana Bailey, Wendy Bonner, Jennie English, Jim Winchester, and Anne Chaffin.

Anne Chaffin, Chair of the Executive Board, called the meeting to order. Each person attending was given the opportunity to introduce himself or herself and give a brief update on the organization or program he or she represented.

The minutes from the Collaborative Board meeting on October 15, 2009, were presented for silent reading. After a correction to Adolescents and Children in Section 5 and the correction of a typographical error on the last page, the call for a motion to accept was made.

- M.** Ruthie Sakini-Woody moved to accept the minutes as corrected.
- S.** Bill Andersen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting were presented for silent reading.

- M.** Libby Smith moved that the minutes be accepted as read.
- S.** Anthony Berryhill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

In the absence of Richard Meigs, Treasurer, Jim Winchester, Coordinator, presented the Treasurer's Report.

- M.** John Libowitz moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, as read.

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S. Linda Ware seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jim Winchester presented a report on current board members and existing vacancies. He announced new members Kristen Gerspacher representing the City of Bremen and Tina Williams representing Haralson County Behavioral Health. Following a group discussion about representatives to the board, Dr. Terrell McBrayer volunteered to help to get someone to represent the Haralson County Board of Commissioners and our local legislative representatives. Jim Winchester suggested speaking to the commissioners one at a time.

A. Jim and Dr. McBrayer agreed to sit down together to develop a plan to find someone to represent the commissioners and legislators.

M. Dr. McBrayer moved to accept Kristen Gerspacher and Tina Williams as new members of the board.

S. Sumiko Stroud seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jim acknowledged Sumiko Ware's dedicated service to the Executive Board of the Coaliton and announced that she has resigned from the Executive Board.

Jim presented a ballot for nomination to the Executive Board. Libby Smith recommended Bill Anderson, and he accepted. Dr. McBrayer recommended Donna Williams, who is actually not on the board.

Election of executive board members occurred next (copy attached). A space was added to the agenda for nominating a new member, Bill Anderson, to the board. All names on the ballot were affirmed for a one year period, and the vote count was verified by Jim and Betty.

M. A motion to accept the count was made by Libby Smith.

S. Sumiko Stroud seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

M. Benjamin Biggers moved that Holly Otwell represent the Board of Health vs. HC Behavioral Health.

S. John Lebowitz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jim Winchester then reviewed the work of the coalition committees. Following this review, the following individuals gave updates on their programs:

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Libby Smith -- Department of Family and Children's Services

John Lebowitz – Bremen City Schools Pre-K program

Karen Kirchler – West Georgia Technical College Adult Education

Betty Candler – LAMP, the Haralson County Certified Literate Community Program.

Suzette Moore presented a brief explanation of a new homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing program available in our area. She will be in Haralson County on Tuesdays at the Department of Family and Children's Services office in Buchanan.

Candy Chandler presented a brief report concerning 2010 Census jobs and announced that testing is required for applicants and testing is being done in Buchanan on Thursday night and in Tallapoosa on Tuesday night.

Jim then discussed the possible move to The Sewell Mill and explained the cost savings and the fact that he would have a space for Haralson County non-profits to display information about their programs. Following this update on the possible move, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2010.