

## **Haralson Family Connection Coalition Quarterly Collaboration Meeting Minutes April 15, 2010**

Board Members In attendance: Sara Anderson, Dana Bailey, Jason Atkinson, Betty Candler, Anne Chaffin, Jennie English, Kristen Gerspacher, Keena Hardin, Vicki Lambert, John Lebowitz, Doris Liner, Terrell McBrayer, Holly Otwell, Richard Robinson, Ruthy Saknini-Woody, Steve Williams, Tina Williams, Jim Winchester (HFCC Staff)

Other Collaborative members: Suzette Moore, Renee Parlier, Lana Holmes, Carrie Wyatt, Dennis Reid, Atrell Turner, and Kerry DeFoe.

Anne Chaffin, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance introduced themselves and gave brief updates on their programs.

- The Farmers' Market program at the Sewell Mill was announced as beginning on May 7, 2010. Also Sewell Mill will be sponsoring the Big Bark on May 29.
- Ruthy Saknini-Woody reported that 14% of students in the Haralson County School System are considered homeless.
- Dr. Terrell McBrayer reminded the group about the National Day of Prayer and prayer at noon across the county. He also reminded us about the Trout Rodeo at Smith Farms.
- Andrelle Turner of CASA said the Tallapoosa Judicial Service is number one in foster care placement in the state and in the top 10% in the state in child abuse cases.
- Bremen City Schools will hold registration on August 4, 2010, and the Bremen City Schools have once again agreed to serve as fiscal agent for the coalition.

### **Executive Committee Reports**

Chair asked for reading of the minutes of the last collaborative meeting and the most recent Executive Committee meeting. Minutes were read and approved as corrected by the board of directors unanimously.

Chair asked for review of Treasurer's Report. **(M)** Holly Otwell moved that the budget be accepted. John Lebowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee presented two new nominees for the board for approval. Nominees were Lisa Travis, representing the Commissioner's Office, and Sara Anderson, representing State Representative Howard Maxwell. **(M)** Motion to accept these nominees by Dr. McBrayer, second by John L. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim W. stated that there are still two vacancies (Buchanan Police Chief and a rep for State Rep. Mark Butler. He also stated that a new director orientation was coming in May.

### **Old Business**

GaFCP Grant Update- Jim W. relates that the grant for FY2011 from Family Connection Partnership will be \$44,000, a reduction of \$1000 from last years' grant.

HFCC office move to the Sewell Mill is complete.

### **New Business**

The proposed updates to the Annual Plan for FY2011 were presented to the board. **(M)** Motion by Holly Otwell to accept these updates, second by Steve W. and accepted unanimously.

A change to appointment times for HFCC Authority Board members was announced. Under the revised plan roughly ½ of the board will have two year terms beginning on odd years and half on even years. **(M)** Holly Otwell moved to accept the changes to the board rotation. Keena Hardin seconded the motion which was approved.

Chair reports that the Executive Committee has entered into contract negotiations with Jim Winchester to continue as Coalition Coordinator for FY 2011.

Chair reports that EC is currently considering the budget for FY 2011 and plans to have a budget to present at the July 15 meeting.

Jim W. reports that there is a statewide discussion about collaboratives going back to a 5-year strategic plan. This may be necessary due to GaFCP staff cut-backs. Jim will report on this again at next meeting.

Jim W., reporting for nominating committee chair Steve S., presented needed changes in the by-laws. These changes effect only articles 9.1 and 9.2. The changes were read by the collaborative and unanimously adopted.

### **Presentation:**

Suzette Moore of the Homeless Prevention and Recovery Program works with people who have lost jobs or had hours cut and helps people living in risk of being evicted or homeless. She gave a thorough report about her activities and the process of receiving assistance. She is in Haralson County on Tuesdays from 9:30 A.M. until late afternoon. She explained that several documents are necessary to apply for assistance. The collaborative members had many very good questions regarding the program, and she graciously took time to answer them in detail.

Following Ms. Moore's presentation, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Haralson Family Connection Coalition will be held on Thursday, July 15, at 9 a.m. at the Haralson Chamber of Commerce.