

**Haralson County Family Connection Coalition
Collaborative Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2009**

Attendees: Steve Sampler, Buster Biggers, Betty Candler, Mark Ezzell, Russell Nast, Keith Pesnel, Jason Atkinson, Jennie English, Jim Beck, Kerry DeFoe, Vicki Lambert, Mary Elliott, Bill Anderson, Sara Anderson, Faye Boyd, Sumiko Stroud, David Smith, Rena Dunn, Marcy Collins, Terrell McBrayer, Heidi Smith, Doris Liner, Holly Otwell, John Lebowitz, Anne Chaffin, Dana Bailey, and Walter Hatchett.

Special guests: Judge Mike Murphy, Rhonda Jackson and Bernetta Knighton of the 2010 Census Bureau

Call to order: The Haralson County Family Connection Coalition met on October 15, 2009. The meeting was called to order by Anne Chaffin, Chair. Time was given for each attendee to introduce himself or herself and give an approximate "one-minute" update on the activities of his or her program.

I. Reading of the minutes

Chair called for the reading of the minutes of both the executive board for October 7, 2009, and the entire board for July 16, 2009. Kerry DeFoe was added as present at the last meeting.

(M) Doris Liner moved that the executive committee meeting minutes be accepted and Steve Sampler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(M) Steve Sampler moved that the board of directors meeting minutes be accepted, and John Lebowitz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Richard Meigs, Jim Winchester presented the treasurer's report and announced that there is a possibility of a 4-10% cut from the grantee later this year calculated off the current grant of \$46,075.

(M) Steve Sampler moved that the treasurer's report be accepted, and Doris Liner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

Steve Sampler, Chair of the nominating committee read the list of returning members of the collaborative, and the list of new board members. Chair asked for discussion and requested motion to approve

(M) Betty Candler moved that the list be accepted, and Steve Sampler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(M) Terrell McBrayer moved that the new nominees be approved, and John Lebowitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held in regard to 3 remaining vacancies on the board. One from the Commissioner's office, one each representing Rep. Howard Maxwell and Rep. Mark

Butler. The discussion involved the fact that it is the job of members of the coalition to share information with their organizations, the people they represent, and potential members and bring back in-put. Mr. Sampler also asked for nominations from the floor for potential nominees to fill these vacancies. There were no suggestions.

Other Committees and Strategy Teams:

Coordinator presented a Powerpoint demonstration of the work done by the following committees with respect to the implementation of the 2010-2012 Three-Year Strategic Plan and the 2010 Annual Plan. The committees are: Family Engagement, Collaborative Development and Communication, Safe and Stable Families Strategy Team, and the Adult/Adolescent Literacy and Workforce Development Strategy Teams. The presentation included a summary of the work accomplished by these teams. (Supporting information was attached to the agenda)

IV. Old Business

Jim announced that we needed to ratify the Operating Budget for 2010. It was attached for review and there was no discussion.

(M) Terrell McBrayer moved that the budget be accepted, and Steve Sampler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachment F, move on acceptance of coordinator's contract for FY 2010. Chair asked for motion to accept coordinator contract. Requested discussion, there was none. She then asked for motion to accept the contract.

(M) Terrell McBrayer moved that the attachment be accepted, and Dana (?) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Coordinator brought to the coalition's attention that the following documents that were developed during FY09 to guide the activities of the collaborative were not officially voted on at the October meeting. After a short review of the documents, Chair asked for move to accept the following documents. The 2010-2012 Community Three-Year Strategic Plan, the 2010 Annual Plan, and the 2010-2012 Evaluation Plan.

(M) Terrell McBrayer moved that the plan be accepted, no discussion, and John Lebowitz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jim Winchester reviewed the self-assessment for 2009. Forthcoming will be his full report on the strengths and weaknesses that were identified from this activity. Members of the Collaborative Development and Communication committee were involved with this review.

V. Special Activities

Bill Anderson and Sarah Anderson of Solutions spoke about their counseling service which began as a family violence program in 2003 as a provider for DFACs. In 2006 they became providers for children and adolescents. Solutions now serves adults who need counseling services in Haralson, Polk, Carroll, and Paulding counties. They also focus on adolescent substance abuse programs and core services. They are private

providers who charge a fee for services. There is no fee for service for uninsured adults.

John Lebowitz gave a brief explanation of the the Community Foundation of West Georgia's resource network and encouraged collaborative members to become a part of this network. This directory is a large part of the efforts by the collaborative to improve communication with our county between provider organizations.

Rhonda J. Jackson, Partnership Specialist for the U.S. Census Bureau, gave an excellent presentation in regard to the 2010 Census and the importance of the accuracy of the count, and encouraged all partners to become involved in efforts to see that families understand the importance of the census, and that the census is very non-invasive, easy, and confidential.

The next meeting of the coalition will be on Thursday, January 14, 2010.

The meeting was then adjourned.