

HARALSON FAMILY CONNECTION COALITION

Executive Committee Meeting

July 8, 2009

Minutes

Present: Jim Winchester, Anne Chaffin, John Lebowitz, Linda Ware, Sumiko Stroud, Betty Candler

Anne Chaffin called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. No changes were recommended. Sumiko Stroud moved that the minutes be accepted, and Linda Ware seconded the motion.

Jim read a letter of thanks to Cathy Miller for serving on the Coalition representing Haralson Behavioral Health.

Jim went over the financial report and reported that the current (FY2009) grant ended up being \$46,500 due to cuts during the year by the grantor. The 2010 grant should be \$47,000. The grantor may be able to restore \$1500 to that grant. The Coalition received donations from the Executive Committee members and Dr. Barry Keaton to assist with paying off bills left from old office location, all FY2009 bills are paid in full.

Jim then then presented a line-item budget worksheet for 2010. The worksheet includes two options. Option A includes the MOU with Waco City Hall that includes the telecom fee which will go up from \$210 to \$283 per month (including elect.), the other includes going on our on with telecommunications at about \$107 per month and paying electricity from the Sewell foundation grant, if it is allotted, which will actually save about \$80 per month. John Lebowitz moved that option B is the best option to work with, and Sumiko Stroud seconded the motion. Jim stressed that this is not the budget, but only a worksheet. Can't complete the process until it is known if the Sewell grant is allotted, and until negotiations on Jim's contract for FY 2010 are complete.

Jim reviewed his Director's Quarterly Report, and it was accepted as presented. Linda Ware moved that the Director's Report be accepted, and John Lebowitz seconded the motion.

Jim reports that he was presenter at the Tallapoosa City Council in June in an effort to receive financial assistance from them, but funding was denied. He also presented a program about the collaborative to the Tallapoosa Lions Club. Jim and Anne Chaffin had the opportunity to make a presentation about the Haralson County Family Connection Coalition before the state Family Connection Board of Directors. Four coalitions from around the state were chosen to present.

Jim announced that HPRP stimulus money to help renters in danger of losing their homes will be available in Haralson County. More information coming.

There are four vacancies on the board, and these will be discussed at the next full board meeting on July 16. Jim announced that Steve Sampler is activating the nominating committee, and they should be ready to nominate at the October board meeting.

Jim presented a list of items to be covered at the July 16 meeting of the full board, and these items were briefly discussed. Then Jim reviewed the results of the e-mail survey. Only nine people responded to the survey. The results will be reviewed at the full board meeting on July 16. Jim agreed to make extra efforts to contact people about attendance at meetings and to go ahead and send out dates for all of FY10's meetings so that people can mark their calendars in advance.

The Executive Committee met in closed session to discuss continuation of services by Jim Winchester. During the closed session the executive committee considered the amount of the FCP grant, budget needs, and the current economy and decided to offer a contract amount of \$40,000 (same as FY2009) for Mr. Winchester's services for FY2010. At the end of the closed session, Mr. Winchester rejoined the committee and this offer was conveyed based on the shared opinion that he had done a good job this year and was deserving of another contract. He indicated that he understood the offer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00P.M.