

**Haralson Family Connection Coalition
Quarterly Collaborative Meeting
January 19, 2012**

Meeting called to order by Anne Chaffin who welcomed everyone.

Call for Committee Reports

Minutes of the January 11, 2012 executive committee meeting were read and approved with additions made.

M. Betty Candler moved that the minutes be accepted, as read.

S. Jennie English seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Minutes of the October, 2011 collaborative meeting were read and approved.

M. Walter Hatchett moved that the minutes be accepted, as read

S. John Lebowitz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The financial report was read and approved.

M. Libby Smith moved that the financial report be accepted, as presented

S. Jennie English seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Steve Sampler and Jim Winchester are working on the 2010 990 filing.

New Business

- GaFCP is trying to get the \$50,000 grant restored. HFCC is expecting to receive \$44,000 for the next fiscal year, according to GaFCP staff.
- Executive Committee Election-We currently have 7 people on the Executive Committee. There are 2 vacant spots. All of the current Executive Committee members wish to continue in their current roles, with no other nominees on the ballot. Jim asked the full board if there were any nominations to be added. There was no response.

M. Sumiko Stroud made a motion to accept the current Executive Committee for another term.

S. Doris Liner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- New Board of Directors nominees were Sharon Edwards (Higgins Hospital), Donnis Pace (Head Start), Dorothea Graham (Extension Service), and Annette Johnson (Rep. Rick Crawford).

M. Libby Smith made a motion to accept the nominees for the Board of Directors to complete terms existing.

S. Linda Ware seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- Fiscal Agent-Anne Chaffin spoke with Dr. David Hicks, Superintendent of Bremen City Schools, about remaining the fiscal agent for the HFCC. He will recommend that they remain the fiscal agent and present it to Board of Education in their February meeting.

A. Jim to get issue placed on BOE board agenda for Feb. meeting and to supply Mr. Hicks with supporting paperwork to achieve this.

- Jim Winchester presented a visual aid that showed the structure of the HFCC. He explained the Board of Directors have mandated slots and then HFCC chooses other key partners to join. For example, LAMP, CASA, etc. The Board of Directors have a 2 year appointment. John Lebowitz stated that the HFCC need more families to be involved.

A. John Lebowitz suggested putting an ad in the Haralson Happenings looking for families to participate in HFCC. Suggestions were to find an existing committee from housing authorities and get one or two members to join our group. Jim to try this strategy prior to next meeting.

- John Lebowitz shared about the Light House Ministries extended stay facility that houses families. They currently have 2 vacant buildings that they would like to house veterans and their families. It can house up to 16-18 veterans. John's Family Resource Center will act as a conduit for the Veteran's Light House Resources until they get 501c.3. status.

Strategic Plan

- Jim W. presented an update on the work of the Safe and Stable Families and Workforce Readiness Strategy Teams. Both teams are in the process of choosing target populations and desired results regarding the work of strategic planning. They are on schedule to complete their work in time for the plan to be submitted to GaFCP by the March 30, 2012 deadline.
- Russell Nast conveyed to the group that the one of the most pressing issues for his tenants is childcare, so that young moms can go to school or work. Asked that this issue be considered by SSF strategy team.
- Jim mentioned that one possible group that could be supported by the plan would be foster parents. He and Libby S. to discuss this possibility.

Adjournment

M. Russell Nast moved that the meeting be adjourned.

S. John Lebowitz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next Quarterly Meeting is Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 9am.

