

Haralson Family Connection Coalition
Quarterly Board Meeting
January 20, 2011
Minutes

The January quarterly meeting was called to order by Chair Anne Chaffin. Attending were: Sumiko Stroud, Linda Ware, Vicki Lambert, John Lebowitz, Betty Candler, Elizabeth Maloch, Steve Sampler, Russell Nast, Terrell McBrayer, Richard Robinson, Ruth Saknini-Woody, Bill Anderson, Catherine Casey, Jennie English, and Jim Winchester (staff)

The Executive Committee Minutes from January 19, 2011 were presented for review.

M. Dr. Terrell McBrayer moved that the minutes be accepted as read.

S. Steve Sampler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The quarterly collaborative meeting minutes from October, 2011 were presented for review.

M. Ruthie Saknini-Woody moved that the second quarter minutes be accepted as read.

S. Bill Anderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jim Winchester presented the financial report. Dr. McBrayer asked if there were any red flags, and Jim Winchester said we will have to wait to see what comes out of the legislative budget session.

M. Dr. McBrayer moved that the financial report be accepted as presented.

S. Bill Anderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jim presented a proposal to amend the collaborative by-laws to allow for electing either a secretary or treasurer from the community at large rather than from the board in cases where a suitable candidate is not available from the board. The reasoning for this exception is that particular expertise is needed for these positions in finances and writing experience.

M. Steve Sampler moved that the exception be passed as written.

S. Vicki Lambert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Maloch of the Haralson County Development Authority was introduced to be voted on as a new member of the board.

M. Sumiko Stroud moved the Elizabeth be added to the board.

S. Steve Sampler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jim introduced Elizabeth Malock as the candidate to become the secretary for the coalition. He opened the floor for any additional nominations for secretary. There were no further nominations. At this time Jim conducted the election of officers. Since there were no competing persons for any one slot, Jim suggested that the board do a blanket approval of each candidate for their respective candidacy. The following board members appeared on the ballot for affirmation.

Chair- Anne Chaffin, Vice-Chair Bill Anderson, Treasurer- Steve Sampler, Secretary- Elizabeth Maloch, and at-large were John Lebowitz, Keena Hardin, Linda Ware, and Betty Candler.

M. Dr. McBrayer moved that the entire slate of nominees be affirmed as the newly elected officers and executive committee members.

S. Steve Sampler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Under old business, a discussion was held regarding the state of the Coalition's filing for 501c3 status. At one time the Coalition was a public charity. Apparently, the wrong forms have been filed in the past. The difference between a public charity and a non-profit status is in the tax deduction for donors.

Jim gave an update on board vacancies. He has contacted Representative Heath, but he has not received a reply from him. Jim has recommended that Walter Hatchett represent him. The Buchanan police chief has come on board. Jim is in discussions with newly elected representative Kevin Cooke who is interested in appointing a representative for the board. Mr. Cooke's first recommendation did not accept the opportunity.

A change in the budget was noted as part of the financial review. The evaluator's stipend has been increased from \$200 to \$400 to reflect the fact that the complete evaluation had to be rewritten. The travel budget will be reduced by \$200 to even out the budget. Also discussed at length was the Governor's desire to move the Family Connection money to the Governor's Office of Families and Children. The discussion revolved around how to respond to this proposed move. Means discussed included petitions, letters, and phone calls to state representatives.

Jim reviewed the FY2012 annual plan. He went through a PowerPoint presentation and allowed for discussion and suggested changes to the plan. It is time for the Coalition to begin work on a five-year strategic plan. A community assessment team will be formed. Steve Sampler, Marcie Sanders, and Betty Candler volunteered to serve on this team. Other members will be added in the future.

Elizabeth Maloch presented EACH (Enabling Adults to Change Haralson) to the group. EACH will be this year's Chamber of Commerce Leadership program. Adults will be taught the Honda problem-solving method and will apply it to solving problems which exist in Haralson County.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.

M. Bill Anderson moved that the meeting be adjourned.

S. Steve Sampler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Haralson Family Connection Coalition will be held on Thursday, April 21 at the Chamber of Commerce building in Waco.

Anne Chaffin, Chairman

Date