

Haralson Family Connection Coalition

Quarterly Collaborative Meeting

Agenda

January 23, 2014

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Annette Johnson

- She welcomed all participants to the meeting and requested introductions of the group and new attendees which were:
 - Melindy Ely (Community Health Department), Robin Fortson (DFCS/foster care recruitment), Kerry Sellers (Babies Can't Wait), Lisa Stone (NWGa Public Health)

Call for Reports:

Vice-Chair Called for Reading and Approval of Minutes from last collaborative meeting

- Collaborative meeting minutes (October, 2013)
 - Motion to approve by Betty C., second by Steve S., unanimously approved
- Reading of Executive Committee meeting minutes (January, 2014)

Vice-Chair calls for Reading and Approval of Financial Reports

- Steve S. presented the FY2014-2nd quarter report
 - Motion to accept the report with one revision by Dr. McBrayer. Second by Sumiko S. Motion unanimously approved

Special Presentations:

- “12 for Life” program-
 - Angie Campbell, Haralson Co. High School, reports that the first orientation for Haralson Co. High students to go into the “12 for Life” program has been completed. This is the first year that Haralson students have been included in this program which is a collaboration between Southwire and the Carroll Co. School System. Jim states that the idea of Haralson being included goes back about 9 years and through continuous contact with Carroll Co. Schools and the “12 to Life” program it has come to fruition.
- Willowbrooke in Haralson Co. Schools-
 - Kim Johnson, Willowbrooke, reviewed the various programs of her organization that are available to families and kids in Haralson County. She also gave us a preview of an “in-school” program that they are planning for Haralson Co. Schools. A counselor/therapist from their organization will have an office in one of our schools and serve each school as necessary with counseling services. The program is in the early planning stages and we will be getting an update at the next HFCC meeting.
- Foster Care in Haralson County-
 - Robin Forston, DFCS/Foster Home Recruitment, told the group that we have about 70 kids in foster care from Haralson County, and only 7 foster care homes. Most of our foster care kids are in homes from Dalton to Albany. This requires a lot of travel for all concerned, and takes most of our foster kids out of their familiar surroundings. She wants members of the collaborative to help her find prospects for foster care homes.
- Primary Care Center-

- Malindy Ely, Haralson County Department of Community Health, tells the group that there is a new health care facility in Cedartown that is designed to help low income families to have affordable health care. It is called the Primary Care Center and families will be charged on a sliding scale. The contact number for this facility is 678.901.3331. Please go ahead and get the word out on this facility and start helping families get the care that they need.

Updates:

- Teen Maze
 - Jim W. reports that the Teen Maze in Polk Co. last November was a great success. About 130 Haralson Co. students from both high schools were included as participants. Planning for a Haralson Co. event will begin in February.
- FY 2015 Annual Plan Addendum/Local Developmental Activities
 - Safe and Stable Families/Community Stakeholders
 - Jim presented the “Project Charter” from this committee which includes community driven actions and activities to help “families with children that attend Tallapoosa Primary School” become more self-sufficient. Members of the group were asked to read the charter and to vote to include it as a part of the FY 2015 Annual Plan.
 - Motion by Betty C. to include the charter of activities in the FY 2015 annual plan. Second by Anne C., passed unanimously.
 - Workforce Readiness/Educated Workforce, Chamber of Commerce
 - Jim relates that the Workforce Readiness team is still working on their charter of activities. This will be presented at the next meeting.
- Possible New Programs coming to Haralson County School Students and the Community
 - Georgia Food Bank/Arby’s- Hunger Reduction
 - Jim W. reports that this program, if adopted in Haralson, will help pay for afterschool programming and meals for the participants. It can also be a community program by churches to help plug nutrition gaps.
 - “The Tree House- Beyond the Bell”- FIS-
 - Kathy Carter, Family Intervention Specialists, reports that she is in the process of getting a large grant that will pay for afterschool programming in all Haralson Co. Schools (except the high school). It will include programming on Mondays, after school (M-Th), and during the summer. The grant application will go in to the grantor (Century 21) and we should have a decision before summer.

Old Business:

- Officer Elections
 - Vice-Chair, Annette J., distributed ballots for election of officers for 2014. Officers include Chair, V. Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to 5 at-large positions. Ballot included the following candidates:
 - Chair- Bill Anderson
 - Vice Chair- Anne Chaffin
 - Treasurer- Steve Sampler
 - Secretary- Jennifer Dobbs
 - At large- Annette Johnson, Betty Candler, and Elaine Hutcheson
 - There were no additional candidates by write in. All votes were affirmed by individual ballot.

- Motion to approve the newly elected officers was made by Dr. McBrayer, and second by Betty Candler. This slate of officers was unanimously approved by the group.
- Sewell Foundation grant
 - Jim W. states that the Sewell Foundation sent a check for \$5000 to our organization as a result of a grant request made in November. This is the 7th year in a row that the Sewell Foundation has assisted with operational expenses.

New Business:

- Request for Bremen BOE to be our Fiscal Agent for FY 2015
 - Jim W. reports that he attended the Bremen Board of Education meeting last week and request that they be the fiscal agent for our organization for FY 2015. The board voted affirmatively to do so.

Other:

- Staff Development-
 - Jim W. reports that he and Betty Candler have been accepted into the Alice Huffard Richards Non-Profit Leadership Development Program.
- Anne Chaffin reports that the Bremen Junior Woman's Club will have its annual "Taste of Chocolate" event to support the Ferst Foundation, probably in March. Be on the lookout for ticket sales, \$10 each.
- Betty Candler reports that funds to cover the activities of L.A.M.P. are shrinking and asked everyone to be on the lookout for opportunities to help L.A.M.P. to meet its budget needs.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 17, 2014 @ 9 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce in Waco