

**Haralson Family Connection Coalition
Quarterly Collaborative Meeting
April 21, 2011**

Meeting called to order by Anne Chaffin.

Introductions of New Attendees:

- Al Abernathy-Georgia Department of Labor
- Tara Chapman-Haralson County Development Authority
- Angie Campbell-Haralson County High School
- Joy Fuller-CASA
- Joey Mullins-Georgia Family Connection Partnership

Call for Committee Reports

Minutes of the last executive committee meeting were read and approved.

M. Bill Anderson moved that the minutes be accepted.

S. John Lebowitz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Minutes of the last collaborative meeting were read and approved

M. Walter Hatchett moved that the minutes be accepted.

S. Linda Ware seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The financial reports were read and approved.

M. Sumiko Stroud moved that the financial report be accepted.

S. Jennie English seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

John Lebowitz asked if we have received the revised study/evaluation instrument for the Freshman Academy evaluation. The evaluation plan is complete, John L. recommended that the evaluation instrument be posted to the website.

Jim introduced Joey Mullins from the GA Family Connection Partnership.

Old Business

GOFC to receive GaFCP budget: Joey Mullins spoke about this matter. The House and Senate moved the money back to the Department of Human Services (DHS). The proposed budget given to the Governor has an increase of \$1750. Therefore the Governor must approve the proposed budget and create an amendment then there will be an increase to the GaFCP grant to \$44,000 versus the current promise of \$42,250..

New Business

Operations Cost Increases for FY '12: Oak Hill Properties (our landlord) wants to increase the monthly rent to \$350 and the monthly telephone services (\$65) will be turned over to the Haralson Family Connection Coalition. They want all tenants to be paying the same amount. The Sewell Foundation has indicated that

it would increase their amount given to the Haralson Family Connection Coalition to cover these increases. Sumiko S. voiced concern that she wasn't sure what would happen if Sewell Foundation did not ante up the funds to cover this. She requested that the Executive committee work on an alternate plan to implement if the money suddenly became unavailable.

FY '12 Budget Proposal-Steve presented the proposed budget. We will be asking the Sewell Foundation for money to cover the items that are not covered by the GaFCP Grant.

A. Jim will need to look at other options for funding other than the Sewell Foundation Grant.

M. Renee made a motion to approve the proposed budget.

S. Betty Candler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Coordinator Contract: The Executive Committee will review the contract and then present it at the next quarterly meeting. Jim asked that we start working on the contract in January and then approve it in April for next year.

CEMC Grant Balance: Client Management System-it was offered for free for the first year and then the church/organization would use the system and pay for their continued service. \$2,000 was used for this project. Jim didn't get the response that was anticipated. Discussion was made on how we could use these funds. Jennifer mentioned that there is a group of 7 churches who may be interested in this project. They have been meeting to collaborate their efforts of who is receiving from their churches.

A. Jim needs to meet with these churches trying to collaborative their efforts.

Strategy Team Reports

Tara Chapman, Chairman of the Educated Workforce Team-One of the goals is to obtain the Certified Work Ready Community status. She shared that they held a special testing for GED graduates. Haralson County lacks 14 from becoming a certified community. The next step will be to sustain the program. They are creating Industry Focus groups. They also suggest a Manufacturer of the Year to the HCCOC every year. Angie Campbell, HSHC-She spoke on how the team had a Career Focus Day at West Georgia Technical College. High school students were brought to the campus where there were 4 workshops that showed the students how to write a resume and how to dress for success.

Ruthy shared about Rachel's Challenge. It was a success in the schools. They will be holding a special meeting at the Dome on 11.11.11. They are writing the acts of kindness on construction paper so they can create a chain. They are hoping to have enough links to go around the whole facility.

Safe & Stable Families merged with Judge Murphy's "Stakeholders" group. They have created a Domestic Violence Task Force. It's open to the public and everyone is welcome to come.

Presentation by Joey Mullins

Orientation to Community Strategic Planning

He shared a flyer from Ready By 21 (RB21) which is a program in Los Angeles, CA about the needs of an actual family and how they relate. The other flyer was how to create change in our community. "Doing Business Differently!"

Another example was Troup County with their Circle of Care Program. It's a program for teenage parents. In the last ten years, teenage parents in Circle of Care have had a 12% drop out rate and when the teenage parents not in the program have had a 66% drop out rate. Teenagers in the program had less 5% had another pregnancy and the outside of the program 25% of the teenagers had another pregnancy.

Another example was Carroll County with Youth Connections. They have a program that keeps teenagers out of jail. It has been very successful.

Overview of the Strategic Planning Process:

The plan is due by March 31, 2012.

- Take Shape: Organize and Plan Team (April-June 2011)
- Take Stock: Collecting raw data through surveys, interviewing, reports and other assessments; local sources will be the most recent (July-September 2011)
- Take Aim: Refine your data, uncover priority issues, identify targeted populations of focus and desired benchmarks (October-December 2011)
- Take Action: Complete and implement 5-year Community Strategic Plan (January-February 2012)
- Track Progress: Utilize the annual plan as a tool to track progress (March 2012)
- Improved results for families and children

A. Terrell McBrayer suggested that we present a press release after each meeting. Jim said that we would keep a journal on the website of the Strategic Planning process.

Adjournment

Next Quarterly Meeting is Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 9am.