

Haralson Family Connection Coalition
Quarterly Board Meeting
July 15, 2010
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Anne Chaffin, Chair.
Each person attending had one to two minutes to introduce himself or herself and tell just a little about his or her program.

The minutes of the executive board meeting were reviewed for approval.

M. Jennie English moved that the minutes be approved, and Dr. Terrell McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the April 15, 2010, meeting of the board were reviewed for approval.

M. John Lebowitz moved that the minutes be accepted, and Doris Liner seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Winchester, Coordinator, presented the budget report for FY 2010 and July of FY2011. Terrell McBrayer commended Jim for his excellent work on the budget.

M. Terrell McBrayer moved that the budget report be accepted, and Jennie English seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

In place of Steve Sampler, Jim Winchester presented the nominating committee report. John Lebowitz asked about Jan Thompson.

A. John is to call about someone to fill that position and have the issue resolved by the October meeting.

There was an extended discussion about the lack of political involvement in the coalition. We need to put more emphasis on representation for our political leaders. Discussion was held in reference to creating a one-page form for people who serve as political representatives to fill out and take notes on to send to the politicians they represent. Political representation is required by the House Bill which created this agency.

Dennis Reed was scheduled to make a presentation, but he was not present.

Holly Presnal from the Carroll Rape Crisis Center gave a very informative presentation about the services of her organization. She told us that they have a crisis line which is manned by volunteers. She feels there is a lack of awareness in Carroll, Heard, Haralson, and Coweta counties. They have a program called RAIN, which stands for Rape, Assault, Incest, and Network. They have been active since 1993 and provide clothing and hygiene kits to victims. She is going to mail further information to Jim for distribution to the HFCC board members.

Bill Anderson spoke and told the groups that one out of three women in the United States is either physically abused or sexually assaulted in her lifetime. 25% of children

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in foster care are there as a result of domestic violence. In our circuit it takes three years for a case to come to court.

Jim presented a very entertaining review of the results of the HFCC action plan for the years 2006-2008. Teams voted as to whether or not we met or did not meet the goals of that plan. Team members who got the answer correct were given chocolates.

Under old business John Lebowitz presented the budget for FY2011 of \$44,000.

M. Bill Anderson moved that the budget be approved, and Terrell McBrayer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Confirmation of the work of the coordinator was given by Anne Chaffin who commended Jim on his good work. She recommended that Jim be allowed to continue as Coordinator for the FY2011 year.

M. Terrell McBrayer moved to accept the confirmation of the coordinator, and Bill Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jim presented information about the five-year strategic plan. The state has decided to change back from three-year plans to five-year plans. We do not know yet when this decision will take effect.

The annual plan for FY2011 was presented and some changes were made. It was noted that things added can make changes in benchmarks. Jim has this on PowerPoint, and it can also be found on [www.haralsonfamilyconnection](http://www.haralsonfamilyconnection.com) .com. The annual report is there along with information people need and a fact sheet of Haralson County statistics in addition to helpful links, the strategic plan, and the annual plan.

M. John Lebowitz moved that the plan be accepted, and Bill Anderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jim announced that the coalition is in the process of changing over from a foundation to a public charity, a 501c3.

Under new business Jim announced that the partnership grant contract for FY 2011 was signed and done.

He then asked for team reports. A grant has been requested by the Collaborative Development and Communication Team for the purpose of financing the creation of a Resource Directory for Haralson County, as well as to provide “scholarships” to organizations that wish to become subscribers to CFWG Resource Network.

The Family Engagement team announced a Back-to-School event to be held at Walmart on August 14, 2010, from nine until three.

John Lebowitz announced that the Bremen City Schools have received a mentoring grant from the McCalmon Foundation.

A representative from the Methodist Children's Home announced that they were holding a parenting class.

Doris Liner announced that the Tallatoona office was moving to a new location on Highway 100 in Tallapoosa heading toward I-20.

Bill Anderson spoke about Solutions' programs for substance abuse, family violence intervention, parenting groups, and their website.

Sandra Smith from Love and Legacy spoke about elder care and elder abuse and announced that there is to be a VA facility built in Carrollton. Love and Legacy will have a booth in the August 14 Back-to-School event.

Jennie English announced that the Chamber is holding Buy Local/ Buy Chamber think tanks to generate new ideas for improving the program. The Chamber is also holding a series of marketing seminar lunch and learns. She also announced that on August 25 Dr. Shirley Garrett will give a lunch and learn on how to improve presentations.

Kerry DeFoe of the Area Agency on Aging asked that people contact their state legislators concerning funding for home delivered meals for the elderly. The agency is also holding a fan drive for elderly people who do not have air conditioning. On October 14, the agency will be sponsoring a special day for seniors at the recreation gym in Bremen. There will be entertainment and a Chic-fil-A lunch with desserts furnished by the Bremen Junior Woman's Club. Tanner Healthcare will have a booth there. The event is free, and there will be door prizes. It will last from 9 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.

The meeting was then adjourned. The next collaborative meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at the Chamber.