

**Haralson Family Connection Coalition  
Quarterly Collaborative Meeting  
October 20, 2011**

Meeting called to order by Anne Chaffin who welcomed everyone and recognized a couple special attendees. She thanked Charter Bank for sponsoring the breakfast and Steve Williams from Higgins General Hospital sponsored the room rental.

**Call for Committee Reports**

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

**M.** Betty Candler moved that the minutes be accepted.

**S.** Bill Anderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Minutes of the July, 2011 collaborative meeting were read and approved

**M.** Steve Sampler moved that the minutes be accepted.

**S.** Carrie Wyatt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The financial report was read and approved.

**M.** Bill Anderson moved that the financial report be accepted.

**S.** John Lebowitz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Chair Steve Sampler respectfully submitted the names of board members to be reappointed, and one new appointee for approval by the board. The reappointments were and approved and Mr. Dallas Moon of West Georgia Technical College was approved to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Richard Robinson.

**M.** Libby Smith moved that this list of reappointments and appointment of Dallas Moon be accepted.

**S.** Bill Anderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Executive Committee elections will be in January 2012. Jim encouraged the board members to think about becoming a member of the Executive Committee, to contact Jim if anyone wants to be on the ballot for the election to be held at the January meeting.

**Community Assessment**

Jim Winchester presented the hard data found for the Community Assessment. He listed all of the reliable resources that the information was gathered from. The hard data covered demographics, workforce, schools, self-sufficient families, healthy children, youth-at-risk, and adult crime. Then Jim presented the public perception which is opinion data. The opinion data was gathered from key leader interviews, key informant interviews, focus groups, and a community survey through the efforts of the Community Assessment Team which consisted of

nearly 20 individuals who met 7 times over the past 3 months and did the majority of the interviews.

Joey Mullins (GAFCP Staff) announced that he would continue to work with the HFCC through the 1<sup>st</sup> year of implementation in their Strategic Plan. He was charged with leading the collaborative through the process of choosing key issues to be included in the strategic plan. He asked the questions: What?, So What?, and Now what?. He asked what information could have caused these demographic numbers and it was answered, poverty. It was mentioned that education would be the key solution. Joey asked, "Who are in the population that is needed to change in order to improve these rates?" and it was answered the parents/families in the community.

Identify areas for the plan agreed upon by collaborative members:

-Education

-Workforce Development

-Family Stability (economic, relationships, poverty level, abuse/neglect, parent involvement in schools and community, etc.)

\*Incorporate into each topic-Families need to be willing to help themselves

Mr. Mullins explained that the rest of the work to identify particular issues to be included in the plan as well as goals, benchmarks, etc. will be accomplished by the safe and stable families and educated workforce strategy teams over the next couple of months. Then the collaborative as a whole will have the opportunity to see on the results and have input at the next collaborative meeting in January.

**Adjournment**

**M.** Steve Sampler moved that the meeting be adjourned.

**S.** John Lebowitz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next Quarterly Meeting is Thursday, January 19, 2011 at 9am.