

**Haralson Family Connection Coalition  
Quarterly Collaborative Meeting  
October 18, 2012**

Meeting called to order by Bill Anderson who welcomed everyone.

**Call for Committee Reports**

Minutes of the October 10, 2012 executive committee meeting and minutes of the July 19, 2012 collaborative meeting were read and approved.

**M.** Libby Smith moved that the minutes be accepted, as read.

**S.** Betty Candler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The financial report was read and approved.

**M.** Elizabeth Langley moved that the minutes be accepted, as read

**S.** Sumiko Stroud seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

- DHS Contract: Bremen City Schools will remain the fiscal agent. The contract is complete between Bremen City Schools and DHS.
- Commissioners: The Executive Committee encouraged Jim to speak with the Commissioners especially with the newly elected Kenneth Smith and Jamie Bennett. He met with them to educate them about HFCC.
- Fan Project: Jim purchased fans and they distribute to DFCS. Tallatoona, Behavioral Health etc. Many people were helped with this project.
- Family Violence: There is a new District Attorney starting in January 2013. They will be working to provide more family violence awareness and to help keep predators accountable.
- 501c3 Status & 990 Filings: Jim and Steve have been researching about 501c3 status among other Family Coalitions. Most Family connection organizations are not 501c3 and they are not encouraged to obtain 501c3 status. They need to do further research whether to remain without this tax status or to be reinstated. The cost could be \$850 or more to obtain 501c3 status.

**New Business**

- Board Member Nominees: The board member nominees are for the even years with the addition of Melody Harp with Board of Health, Jennifer Dobbs with Babies Can't Wait, and Duane McManus with Bremen City Schools. Anne Chaffin will be moved to a community member.

**Board Members**

Bill Anderson-Juvenile Court Judge

Rena Dunn-Commissioner's Office

Pete Bridges-Mayor of Tallapoosa  
Travis Pritchard- Mayor of Waco  
Jennie English-Haralson County Chamber of Commerce  
Joyce Guice-DHR Health Dept.  
Libby Smith-Haralson County DFCS  
Russell Nast-Tallapoosa Housing Authority  
Heidi Smith-Bremen Housing Authority  
Ruthy Saknini-Woody-Haralson County Schools  
Sharon Edwards-Higgins General Hospital  
Dallas Moon-West Georgia Technical College  
Tina Williams-Haralson Behavioral Health Service

**M.** Betty Candler moved that this list of reappointments be approved.  
**S.** Libby Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**M.** Libby Smith moved that this list of new nominees be approved.  
**S.** Elizabeth Langley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- Executive Committee: The Executive Committee currently has 6 members. There is a minimum of 7 and no more than 9. Officers will be open for the January election. Jim will be accepting nominations for the Executive Committee.
- Community Christian Council is a group of 7 churches who want to get involved with Tallapoosa Primary and help bring community involvement.
- Terrell McBrayer suggested that HFCC go to the Grand Jury and present our bylaws in order to gain the elected officials' support.

**A.** Terrell will start a committee to work toward this goal.

**M.** Steve Sampler made a motion to develop a resolution.  
**S.** Elaine Hutcheson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**A.** Jennifer Dobbs will work to ask DDS about getting drop out students' licenses revoked.

**M.** Betty Candler made a motion to ask DDS about getting drop out students' licenses revoked.

**S.** Steve Sampler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- LAMP: Betty Candler met with 36 counties because they have 30% without GEDs or no high school diploma. There will be a change in cost of testing from \$95 to \$160. Betty encouraged people to get involved with the LAMP program.

## **Presentation**

Jim made a presentation about HFCC. It highlighted the new member orientation. Jim gave a card to each member that explains what HFCC is. This card will help to remind members what we are working for in HFCC.

**Adjournment**

**M.** Libby Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**S.** Steve Sampler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Quarterly Meeting is Thursday, January 17, 2012 at 9am.