

Dr. Alvin T. Heatley Elected as New Board Chair

HARTSVILLE, S.C., October 14, 2014- Darlington County First Steps Partnership Board ruled in favor of Dr. Alvin T. Heatley to be the new Board Chair, on September 9, 2014 in a full board meeting at The Hartsville Chamber of Commerce, Conference Room.

Being a leader is something that Dr. Heatley is not unversed to. Dr. Heatley has been the Chairman of The Butler Heritage Foundation for five years and formally served as the Executive Director of Darlington County Community Action Agency for six years.

Once Dr. Heatley took his leading position, he stated, “We will be transparent about everything. This is not my board, but it is the First Steps Board.”

Dr. Heatley has had experience with past and current leadership roles and is very familiar with the legalities and procedures of Darlington County First Steps. Dr. Heatley is a founding member of The Darlington County First Steps Board and was once the Board Chair in 1999.

“I am thankful that the board members chose me to be the Board Chair and I hope that I can live up to their expectations,” said Dr. Heatley.

Joining his side on the board is Jimmie Epling who was voted to be the new Board Vice- Chair of The Darlington County First Steps Partnership Board. Epling has been the Director of The Darlington County Library for four years and has been on the board for two years.

Not only were new positions chosen, new information about the 2014 Legislation and Board Composition was presented to the board by Linda Leonard from First Steps State Office. There are three recent additions in which someone could be chosen to sit on the First Steps Board which include people in local government, the business community and the philanthropic community.

Dr. Heatley has been a resident of Hartsville, SC all of his life with the exception of his college years and service to the United States. He graduated from South Carolina State in 1961 and served in the United States Army for two years.

The Darlington County First Steps Partnership Board meets the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

