

**Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.**  
**Executive Committee; July 21, 2011 at 8:30 AM**  
**Eagles Way Church Conference Room**

**Present:** Pamela McCollum, David Clevenger, Donna Parks, Cynthia Tidwell– Quorum Present.

**Absent:** Will Doss, Pam Mitchell, Clay Padgett **Others Present:** Joseph Walker, Regina Abbott

**Call to Order:** Pam McCollum, Chair

**Minutes:** June 16, 2011 – **Motion** to approve by Donna Parks, second by Cynthia Tidwell. Approved.

**Executive Director Report – Joseph Walker:**

- Healthy Youth – Discussed BTSB (Saturday, August 13 from 11 am to 2 pm at City Park) and will be same as in previous years, but with less money. Preparing for 1,000 bookbags filled with supplies this year, and will advertise as first come, first served. Will try to get other groups who have these events to collaborate next year or at least get groups to share who they serve to lessen duplication (same donation pools, duplication of effort, same families receiving from more than one source, etc.).
- DAPC – Molli Pruitt has agreed to chair this committee. Committee will reach out to law enforcement to join committee. Regina is working with UAD and will bring that into this committee.
- Re-Entry Task Force – Regina wrote this planning grant and Theo Harris secured community support and brought people onto this committee from Chief of Police, Probations, Dept of Labor, etc. Have sub-groups working on planning (best practices) so that will be ready to apply for implementation grant even if not receive the planning grant.
- Spalding Co Long Term Recovery Committee – During disaster relief, we were asked to provide volunteers (20 per day) for distribution center – provided 377 volunteers who provided 3,812 hours of service. Served 229 families (683 individuals initially), with total of 341 families (989 as repeats). Total of 113,471 pounds of food and goods distributed at the center. Afterwards GEMA/FEMA and county asked Collaborative to set up meeting of community to set up long term recovery committee to work with homeowners not insured or underinsured and/or not seek FEMA/GEMA assistance (appx 60 families known). Have case managers contacting families to provide assessment of needs. Committee also raising funds as indicated probable need of at least \$270,000 to provide for materials with free volunteer time to provide work. First Methodist is holder of funds, and community asked to make check out to SCLTR Committee, send to Collaborative address, we log them (to track) in and forward to First Methodist. Case managers will present cases to committee who will make decisions as to where the money will be spent and on what families. Committee will stay in effect as long as needed, approximately 2 years.

**Coordinator Report – Regina Abbott:**

- GOCF Grant closed out as we received last First Steps payment of \$13,000. Available to Caring House for First Steps is \$8,477. Caring House submits invoices to us each month.
- RASS Workshop held June 20 with 13 attendees representing 6 businesses, with attorney Michele Stumpe presenting and issuing certificates for licensing purposes. Also, Regina met with John Bringuel of state Council on Alcohol and Drugs and went over UAD improvement plan for Griffin. Have set up brochures, PSA's, and had regional (Pike, Upson, Spalding but open to all 10 counties) town hall meeting June 29 (150 attended-94 teens registered). Also met with Dr. Raduka and Alfiya King of Council on Alcohol and Drugs about creating an alcohol policy partnership with youth and Alfiya began working with some youth at Equal Chance to train them on how to perform environmental scan in the community; scan completed and awaiting written report. Youth Leadership will be ongoing pending funding and include Pike and Spalding.
- Disclosure - Regina (Omega 2 Omega) has worked some with Griffin Housing Authority for last 2 weeks to assist (review and edit) in wrapping up grant Community Facilities for education and Training to update Fairmont Homes. Grant from January to HUD only given to large cities, i.e., New York, etc., and GHA encouraged to submit for second round (due today). Also, Regina (Alpha 2 Omega) wrote grant for Pike County for Emory's Hope and Health School-Based Clinics; they were afforded the grant and Regina will be working with them 09-01-2011 through 08-30-2012 to facilitate their strategic planning process. Also, Council on Alcohol and Drugs applying to renew grant with DDHDD and at Bidder's Conference was announced that they were resistant to contracting with Family Connections organizations, so he made a contract with Regina (Alpha 2 Omega, and she sub-contracted with Vanora for admin assistance) for UAD initiative. Regina queried Family Connections but with no response.
- Attendance Task Force –Awaiting final report on drug education and awareness for MRT from Leann Murphy.
- Family Connection - Evaluation Progress Report due 09-15-11 and FY11 Self Assessment is due 09-30-11. Will post self-assessment site on-line, hopefully by mid to late August, pending receipt of assessment information.
- SCF – Project on track and end of grant period is September 30 (however will be working on close-out until December 30 when final report is due). Had two organizations to withdraw.

**Old Business:**

- SCF Cash Match – Hospital sent forms to complete for payment to Vanora, so that payment should be coming soon. Working with City to pay some invoices equal to \$10,000 in lieu of writing check for cash match. Will Doss to follow up.
- Second Chance Grant – **Motion** by Electronic Vote passed (3 yes, 1 no) to submit grant for re-entry program contingent on Theo Harris raising the cash match or cash match being waived (waiver sent in with grant application).
- Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 16, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm., to include Election of Officers for 2012, (Conflict of Interest and Disclosure and Oath of Office to be held at first Board Meeting in 2012), Annual Report and Evaluation-Regina Abbott, Presentation of IRS Form 990-David Haisten, Review and Update of 2010-11 Strategic Plan-Regina Abbott.
- Spalding County Long Term Recovery Committee – Organizational Chart presented for vote to have SCLTRC added under Spalding Collaborative as the governance authority (501C3) from which to operate. Regina will develop MOU between Collaborative and First Methodist Church (holder of funds) on behalf of the Committee. **Motion** to approve by Cynthia Tidwell, second by David Clevenger. Motion approved. Salvation Army has requested \$250,000 from headquarters by grant, etc., all of which remain with Salvation Army because of the structure of that agency.

**New Business:** None

Meeting was adjourned. Next Spalding Collaborative Meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2011 at 9 am at SCHD, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room, with presentation by Equal Chance, Jerome Garland, Executive Director; next Board Meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2011, from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm, at SRMC, Clrm 1 & 2; next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2011 at 8:30 am at Eagles Way Church.

Approved, \_\_\_\_\_  
Pam McCollum, Chairperson

Respectfully submitted, \_\_\_\_\_  
Vanora O'Dell, Admin Asst