

**Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.**  
**Executive Committee; February 16, 2012 at 8:30 AM**  
**Eagles Way Church Conference Room**

**Present:** Pamela McCollum, Will Doss, Donna Parks, Jewel Walker-Harps, Robert Dull – Quorum Present.

**Absent:** Stephanie Windham, Cynthia Tidwell **Others Present:** Joseph Walker, Regina Abbott, Vanora O'Dell

**Call to Order/Prayer:** Will Doss, Chair

**Minutes:** October 20, 2011 - Information only (minutes approved at January Board Meeting)

**Financial Report (January 2012):** In process of transferring Disaster Funds from First Methodist Church to Spalding Collaborative. Budget Revision needed for Family Connection \$44,000 budget – move \$300 from regular operating to telecommunications Motion – Jewell Walker-Harps; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bob Dull; all approved.

**Executive Director Report – Joseph Walker:** Healthy Youth Committee is slated to help with Backpack Program. Also HY getting print ready to SWIFT booklet. Survey sent to teachers and counselors regarding support and numbers for Backpack Program. Donna and Will will work on questions for survey for BTSSB and will send that out late in after the food deprivation survey is received. Have applied for Agnes B. Hunt Grant for \$5,000 and PhoneGuard is partnering with us for a 3-day promotion fundraiser with Chic-Fil-A. For DAPC, Joseph took RASS materials to Chamber and RASS ordinance information will be given to city and county within the month and a RASS workshop held in March. SI Conference will be held March 27 – please advertise. SI is looking for new project, maybe food deprivation for elderly, and they are to join GA NetCare and support caregivers (Roselyn Carter's Program) and connect to what they need. PAC has all but dried up with funding problems; but the committee will remain intact. Will indicated that maybe PAC be more involved in BTSSB (not take it over, just help). PCA State Chapter being re-established and Wilma and Cynthia going to meeting next week. Pinwheel event being planned and pinwheels purchased. SCLTRC purchased brochures received. The community need has not manifested as thought, but funds are in place, and ideas being considered, i.e., billboard, etc. Pam indicated McIntosh Trail is sponsoring a disaster celebration for victims and providers, and will be a conclusion for their grant. Joseph also indicated he has made the rounds with all partners to give accounting of annual report (except county, and that meeting is February 20). The grant Re-Entry Task Force is working on is due in March, and Theo Harris is gathering MOU's from supporting partners.

**Coordinator Report – Regina Abbott:**

IRS forms sent in last week to continue the school system as fiscal agent for Family Connection \$44,000 budget. Doing annual plan (due March 15) and, if approved, would like to develop MOU's with those partners that we list on the annual plan so I can get sufficient data for reporting and evaluation. Regina will be training with Peggy Ahmed (data collection for ATF). Annual Form 990 received extension to May 15, 2012, since figures changed due to auditor using accrual accounting instead of our usual cash accounting methods. We will begin posting cash match in-kind into our budget accounting system. SCF is closed out and auditor certified audit on-line. Second Chance Grant did grant us the \$25,000 cash-match waiver. We re-worked some paperwork – point of contact with DOJ must be an employee – will accept contract employees to suffice for grant purposes only – but there is no change in 1099 or IRS regulations, etc. Discussion about support partner MOU's with Second Chance Grant. Joseph indicated guidelines for the grant listed the type of partners necessary for the grant and those MOU's follow the guidelines, but content of the MOU's should be acceptable to the supporting partners before signing. MOU's will be critiqued by Regina. Regina reported that we have an MOU for consideration with Morehouse for the planning grant we have now. They are working with us on an in-kind basis, and will work with us on the evaluation plan for the implementation grant, if funded. DAPC is looking to start working on Drug-Free Community Grant when information known. There is a huge grant for Choice Neighborhoods Initiative - 2 types: 1 is implementation grant and one is a planning grant. Bob indicated that applicants must apply for the planning grant first (after September 1) and then apply for implementation grant. He said the City is implementing Splost improvements down Hill Street. We could work with that in leveraging sense because Fairmont location is close proximity (would look like \$1.6 in in-kind/cash match). Fairmont Homes is 46% poverty and 27% unemployment. That's based on the HUD measure. There also will be grants coming down through HUD (Jobs Plus-for severely low income neighborhoods). Bob is meeting with Jeff Jordan on Friday about Educational Prosperity Program, and UGA has committed resources from Athens to come down and help formulate framework and policy to submit to HUD. Regina disclosed that she interviewed with Hope Health Clinic as a grantwriter, and is in negotiation with Coker Pediatrics to provide professional development training for staff.

**Old Business:**

- Strategic Plan Update – Handout is for information purposes.

**New Business:**

- Spalding Health Initiative – Pam indicated McIntosh Trail is looking for someone to come in and talk about Medicaid and Medicare, and different programs attached to them. If anyone knows of someone who is well informed and a good speaker, please let her know.
- Bob asked about the possibility of entering into MOU or MOA with Spalding Collaborative to plug into any partner for services as he wanted to keep the dollars local. He indicated that if he could do that with a blanket agreement with Spalding Collaborative, when he needed grantwriting services, or maybe counseling services, he would have partners readily available and not have to procure those services elsewhere. There was discussion as to the feasibility of this type of agreement, but that there would be a problem when the Collaborative has multiple partners rendering same services. Bob said his dilemma is that he has to get prepared for funding resources. Bob said that if he had an agreement with the Collaborative, he could easily implement programs and/or donate funds for certain projects such as the backpack program. Regina asked if it could be worded in a way (similar to our contracts) where GHA is agreeing to consider using partners of the Collaborative as providers before going outside. No decision reached, but topic will remain open.

Meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meetings:**

Spalding Collaborative Meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2012 at 9 am at SCHD, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room, with presentation by Nadine Tyft, Executive Director of Advo-Kids CASA; Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. at Eagles Way Church; Board Meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2012, at 12:00 noon at SRMC, Classroom A.

Approved, \_\_\_\_\_  
Will Doss, Chair

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