

**Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting, March 20, 2012; 12:00 p.m.**  
**Spalding Regional Medical Center, Administration Board Room**

**Board Members Present:** Phyllis Easton-Barkley, Carmen Caldwell, David Clevenger, Ruth Daniel, Will Doss, Robert Dull, Cameron Harris, Irma Lewis, Pamela McCollum, Judge Ben Miller Jr, Donna Parks, Sam Parks, Connie Pound, John Quinn, Eula Redding, Cynthia Tidwell, Jewel Walker-Harps, Stephanie Windham     **Board Members Absent:** Shaheer Beyah, Rep. John Yates     **Others Present:** Jernarcka Johnson, Joseph Walker, Regina Abbott, Vanora O'Dell

**Call to Order:** Will Doss, Chairperson

**Prayer/Pledge:** Will Doss/Cameron Harris

Will Doss welcomed Carmen Caldwell as new Board Member, and reported to the Board of Vanora O'Dell's resignation effective May 31, 2012.

**Minutes:** Approval – Board of Directors                    January 18, 2012 (action item)  
          Approval – Executive Committee                None (action item)  
          Acceptance – Collaborative                    January 11 and February 8, 2012

Motion to approve/accept minutes as presented by David Clevenger, second by Eula Redding, all approved.

**Financial Report – January and February 2012:** Joseph reported the need to clean up two small deficits in February's report of \$225.43 overspent on DAPC and SCF \$404.30 carried since finished grant, which totals (\$629.73). We ask to move to Family Connections to cover, which will \$0 out and clean up budget. Motion to approve by Stephanie Windham, second by Donna Parks, all approved. Regina reported for Youth Leadership approximately \$336.24 left in that budget when Mollie Pruitt left and she asked us to move those funds to BTSS. Donna Parks made the motion to do this, with Pam McCollum second. All approved. Sam Parks made motion to approve January and February 2012 financial reports with the changes made, with Connie Pound second, and all approved.

**Executive Director Report - Joseph Walker:**

Healthy Youth Committee has agreed to be point of contact with food insecurities program in Spalding to take out to churches. HY is also in the process of editing SWIFT booklet for re-print. Will need about \$3,000 for BTSS.

DAPC – RASS information distributed in Feb and workshop held in March by Attorney Michele Stumpe. Ordinance for Spalding County has been drawn up.

SI – Community Resource Conference will be held March 27 at First Baptist Church, with breakfast and lunch provided. SI is considering becoming partner with GA NETCARE.

PCA Spalding – State chapter being re-established. Cynthia Tidwell and PCA Spalding Chair, Wilma Ham, attended a meeting in February and will attend another in May. Pinwheels will be put on display on March 26 to be displayed for the month of April.

RTF – Regina is the administrative head and Theo putting together the program information.

SCLTRC – Committee has had brochure printed. There has been a deadline set for the end of May to seek assistance. Will continue to serve cases they have and committee. Regina indicated that once they have closed out, the committee will look at what has gone well and what could change prior to next disaster. Contact will continue with committee.

Backpack Food Program – Application made for Agnes B. Hunt grant for \$5,000. Also, will apply for Middle GA EMC grant for seed money. Totally volunteer funded. 73% of Spalding children are on free or reduced school meals, and a lot of these are the ones who may not eat from Friday afternoon when they leave school to Monday morning when they return. We sent out a survey to teachers and counselors. Also, we are partnering with PhoneGuard for money to use for the program – will receive a percentage of profits for a time. Will have to start slow with one or two schools and spread to other schools. Also partnering with UGA-Griffin (Doris Christopher), and School System. Stephanie Windham noted another possible revenue, Rotary, for next year, is in talks with Doris to do more – talking about applying for international grant to help with food here at home. Joseph and Doris will go into the community to sell program. Churches such as First Assembly and Centerpoint will help. We will have the summer to get ready.

**Coordinator Report - Regina Abbott:**

Spalding County has presented a RASS ordinance and will consider at their next workshop before voting on. We held a free RASS workshop last week. There was a lot of interest from business owners, but had only 5 to attend. If ordinance is passed, then business owners will have to attend and have to pay for it. This was the third free workshop provided.

Regina is about to sign an MOU with Council on Alcohol and Drugs for A2O for the Pike, Spalding, Henry County Community Prevention Alliance Workgroup, or CPAW. This will accomplish a thorough community needs assessment (no compensation from them, but hopefully reimburse for some expenses. Regina will interview Judge Miller. Will be doing surveys, interviews, etc.

Also, Regina was glad to hear of the Ferst Foundation to speak at Rotary. Early on, Regina and Joseph interviewed Dr. Jones and his expressed wish was to get books into hands of children. Regina asked Stephanie if possibly Rotary might be

interested in working together to get a Ferst Foundation here, where children under age 5 get books mailed to their homes. Stephanie indicated there is a lot of interest expressed.

Last Friday, Griffin Housing Authority and UGA-Griffin hosted a roundtable there on campus. Regina is working with GHA to do some community outreach in developing the concept for educational prosperity zone (area around Fairmont Homes). Bob Dull indicated that the City of Griffin is finishing a plan for work in that area – had several community meetings to leverage information for comprehensive plans. The objective is to make DCA aware that Griffin is focusing on housing issues. GHA is working with the City of Griffin to do a marketing analysis, which should be completed by mid-July. GHA partnering with city to work aggressively on blight. Also, UGA and SCTC stepping up to serve the community to come up with concepts for community.

PPGS – Will Doss and Jeff Jordan spearheading (as a part of our Board's strategic plan for governance) this committee to get moving again, to meet quarterly, and to add three more entities: WIA, GHA and Economic Development. PPGS will meet next week.

FY 2013 Family Connection Annual Plan (update of 2012) shows goal is for families in Spalding County to be stable and self-sufficient and has benchmarks. And it shows four strategies with activities assigned to each. We will begin next month to get ready for developing a five-year plan. PAC will start their assessment next week. Also, there is an action item for the budget of \$44,000, same as this year's (with the school system continuing as fiscal agent). Phyllis Easton-Barkley made a motion to accept the budget and school system to continue as fiscal agent, and David Clevenger second the motion. All approved.

#### **Old Business :**

Governance Strategic Plan – Each Fall we have an annual planning retreat to discuss what the Board is responsible for and what we will continue to focus on. The report in you packet is the progress report that you receive each time. We will be planning another retreat for September Board meeting.

#### **New Business:**

MOU – PAC was a collaborative effort between the Spalding County Board of Health and Spalding Collaborative. DHR had required the Board of Health to have an advisory committee. One of Family Connection's standards for their Collaboratives was to have a Family Advisory Council. The Collaborative entered into an MOU that the Board of Health appoint members of the committee and the Board of Health would be fiscal agent for those state funds. Those state funds have been eliminated, which affects PAC's sustainability. The Collaborative has set up a new MOU with the Board of Health for them to continue to appoint members to PAC, but that the Collaborative would be the fiscal agent for PAC. Motion to approve by Donna Parks with second by Jewel Walker-Harps. All approved.

Next Meeting: Adjourned.

Approved, Will Doss, Chair

Respectfully Submitted, Vanora O'Dell, Admin Asst

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