

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.
Executive Committee; April 19, 2012 at 8:30 AM
Eagles Way Church Conference Room

Present: Stephanie Windham, Pam McCollum, Cynthia Tidwell, Donna Parks, Robert Dull, Jewel Walker-Harps
Absent: Will Doss **Others Present:** Regina Abbott, Vanora O'Dell

Call to Order/Prayer: Stephanie Windham, Vice-Chair

Minutes: February 16, 2012 – Action Item - Pam McCollum made motion to approve minutes, and Donna Parks second motion. All approved.

Financial Report (March 2012): Provided for Information Only – Now have Second Chance Act funds replacing where SCF funds were budgeted.

Executive Director Report – Joseph Walker: Absent

Coordinator Report – Regina Abbott:

- No **strategic plan** update for this month.
- Regina will attend **Family Connection** Mini-Conference in Kennesaw beginning of May.
- **RASS/UAD** - Spalding County, at 2nd reading, approved alcohol ordinance and it is now in place. Dr. Raduka will pay \$2,500 for needs assessment and prevention, involving a survey, interviews, etc. Regina requested a vote for CAD to sub-contract or directly contract with A20 for transparency. Donna Parks made a motion for CAD to contract with Collaborative and sub-contract with A20 or contract directly with A20. Jewel Walker-Harps second the motion. All approved.
- **Re-Entry Task Force** sponsored a roundtable discussion on April 17 with three representatives from the National Center for Re-Entry, and a good showing of community partners, several who had not previously attended a meeting. Dr. Illazarra did an excellent job of creating a framework to show re-entry is not a program, but a process. Gwen Seale Williams, an ex-offender, relayed her story and the barriers she experienced upon release. Regina also reported that she and Theo Harris, RTF Program Developer, would be attending a required training in Washington the fourth week in May.
- **SCLTRC** still has several cases not completed. Patricia Artz is getting those resourced. The McIntosh Trail CSB Counseling Grant (GA Recovery Project) is ending and is sponsoring a celebration on Friday night, April 20, at Norton Fire Station at 6 p.m. to bring together victims and first responders and volunteers/disaster workers. Last date for disaster assistance is May 31.
- When PCA GA went out, UGA assumed responsibility for **First Steps**, they dropped a lot of requirements required by PCA GA that were expensive, but UGA does require that any affiliate enter data into database. Once do hospital visits, they enter information, which generates reports. Caring House had not responded to UGA when trying to get training done for the database. Angela does not have money to fund First Steps, but she has an agreement with volunteers to continue (nursing program at Gordon). Another issue was Angela not responsive to PCA. Regina noted the Collaborative could be point of contact with UGA, and Angela will be presenting to Caring House Board. Proposal to Central GA EMC may get funding to offset cost of data entry.
- Regina noted coalition involvement letter needs to be signed by 12 sectors (like MOU). Mike Powell's Pike YES wants to be part of Spalding's **DAPC** and with agreement, 12 sectors could be Spalding and Pike. Wanted to present it to you to do joint drug-free community together. Already working with Pike in UAD, school based health center, etc. Stephanie recommended we have separate agreement with Pike stipulating what we do what they do. Will draft and put on agenda for next month.
- Clyde Forbes of Hopeville Boys contacted Regina to assist him with a Bureau of Justice **mentoring grant**, and have Collaborative as fiscal agent. She suggested he contact Will since he had mentoring group. Will talked with Clyde and there is no problem with the Collaborative doing the grant, due in May. Motion by Jewel Walker-Harps with second by Bob Dull, and all approved. Also, Regina is moving her office back to Griffin. Will be hiring several different people for skills as she needs them. All work to go out under A2O.
- Dr. Christopher spoke with Rev. Randy Valimont of First Assembly, and they are interested in assisting with **Backpack Food Program**. Joseph talked with Ginger Moots of Atlanta Motor Speedway Charities. Periodically they have truckload of food and distributes at racetrack. They will discuss how to get to Spalding County in on this since Spalding has transportation problems, and we would need to coordinate resources.

Old Business:

- Strategic Plan Update – None this month

- **Educational Prosperity Zone Roundtable-** Bob Dull reported that the RTF had roundtable with good feedback from Superintendent Curtis Jones. Bob said Griffin Housing Authority received back \$1.5 million originally retrieved from their budget, and must spend it by the end of September. What we have appealed to HUD, to do capital repair but also soft programming to emphasis prosperity. Grant funding contingent upon involvement. Submitted 9 grant requests, i.e., educating parents for math, mentorship (will do GPS mapping). When looking at educational prosperity, hard to see when all seems diluted, no measured success. Most exciting – urban agricultural piece (garden tracts). Key issue is transportation. We have community garden at UGA Griffin. Pam indicated that Bob might consider an association with BlueBird, local community garden. Fairmont usually misses the boat, need to break that barrier of being denied. Regina said there is a need to find leaders there to work with to find out what can do and fix the disconnect. Bob noted they are doing marketing and housing need analysis by end of June – will have 3 community meetings about housing. Bob also said that PPGS is critical.
- **Griffin Housing Authority MOU** – Bob indicated Griffin Housing Authority wants to enter into MOU's with community partners through Spalding Collaborative, fits into strategic plan. Donna Parks made motion to accept MOU, Pam McCollum second, and all approved.

New Business:

- **First Steps MOU with Caring House** – Pam McCollum made motion to approve, Bob Dull second, all approved.
- **Administrative Support Proposal** – A2O is proposing to provide administrative services at same rate for same services. Regina will contract with Robyn Redding, granddaughter of Eula Redding. Also plans to contract with Gwen Seale with RTF to allow her to use her skills and passion for this community. Vanora will train replacement and A2O absorb cost for May so can work with Vanora and have smooth transition June 1. Motion to approve by Jewel Walker-Harps, second by Donna Parks, all approved.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meetings:

Spalding Collaborative Meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2012 at 9 am at SCHED, 2nd Floor Training Room, with presentation by Dr. Doris Christopher of UGA-Griffin, "Kids University;" Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. at Eagles Way Church; Board Meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2012, at 12:00 noon at SRMC, Classroom A.

Approved, _____
Stephanie Windham, Vice-Chair

Respectfully submitted, _____
Vanora O'Dell, Admin Asst