

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.
Executive Committee; May 17, 2012 at 8:30 AM
Eagles Way Church Conference Room

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

Call to Order/Prayer: Will Doss, Chair

Minutes: April 19, 2012 – Robert Dull made motion to approve minutes, and Jewell Walker-Harps second motion. All approved.

Financial Report (April 2012): Regina provided April 2012 Financial Report as a tentative report for information only – not the final report for April – just snapshot of line items.

Executive Director Report – Joseph Walker:

BTSB - Joseph Walker reported committee of civic, business and community organizations recently met to begin planning of BTSB, and will meet again on June 6. These organizations approved Spalding Collaborative to act as fiscal agent for the event, and Kelly Leger will be point of contact to receive funds. A sound system will be needed this year. Decided on August 4 at the City Park for the event.

DAPC – Will be executing MOU with Pike County. Awaiting answer from Craig Dunn as to whether he will Chair DAPC. SI – Besides the Community Resources Conference held March 27, SI Committee will support Collaborative initiatives for the remainder of the year, while planning for the conference for 2013 to be held March 26.

PAC – Besides working on their 5 year strategic plan, PAC touts their adoption of 100% tobacco free school policy as one of the positive initiatives they have worked on; and even though a major portion of their funding has been lost due to cutbacks, the committee continues to work on initiatives already set in motion.

PCA Spalding – Had vendor table alongside Spalding Collaborative at Community Health Fair. When Georgia is able to set up their PCA charter again, Spalding will reapply for their charter. Regina noted that the Caring House Board recently declined continuation of First Steps Program, unable to sustain the program funding. Joseph and Regina met with Lynda Brown to discuss First Steps issues, and in accordance with Collaborative's wishes, the Collaborative will absorb the First Steps Program and complete the hospital visits, paperwork and data entry. Regina indicated funding promised from GOCF. Mini grants available probably 10-1-2012. A2O will keep up with data entry until funding provided. Caring House applied for First Steps grant from Agnes B. Hunt. Will Doss will talk with Caring House Board Chair. RTF Task Force – Roundtable discussion held recently with good community participation. Regina and Theo going to Washington DC May 22-24 for RTF Conference.

Backpack Food Program – Carl Pruettt wants to do fundraiser maybe in September for our local program to help get it off the ground. He is currently involved in the same type program in Fannin County. Carl will bring the Volunteer Coordinator from Fannin County here to discuss the program. Joseph indicates the cost of the program will be approximately \$250 per child per year. Crescent Elementary donating \$250 next week. Harry Kierbow helping with Atlanta Food Bank connection. Kiwanis, Rotary and First Assembly so far have offered assistance. Will look at churches that are PIE for each school. Suggestions for GA Industries for the Blind or Bud Turner of the Sock Shoppe to make the backpacks. It was noted that Fannin County numbered the backpacks. Website - Backpacksnacksfor kids.org. Bob Dull indicated the Housing Authority Board voted \$1,000 year to Backpack program. Donna Parks indicated that August 13 is first day of school for new term. Also receiving donation from Jeff Jordan family (daughter had birthday party and asked attendees to bring donations instead of birthday present).

Coordinator Report - Regina Abbott:

RTF - MOU between Morehouse and RTF ready for Will's signature.

IRS - Form 990 sent to IRS on May 15 deadline. Will send copy to Board members electronically and let them decide if it should be placed on the website.

FC Funding – Governor has increased FY 2013 budget from \$44,000 to \$45,000.

RASS/UAD - RASS Ordinance passed by Spalding County. Regina indicated she is in collaboration with CAD to do an APPI survey in Spalding County.

Disclosure - Regina disclosed that she is working with Griffin Housing Authority about 35 hours a month on community outreach, plus any special projects, and she sub-contacts with others to get work completed.

PPGS – Will Doss indicated the committee will begin to meet quarterly at the Fairmont Community Center, and upcoming meetings will be June 13, September 19, 2012 and January 16, 2013. Electronic Vote to be taken for additions to the committee (WIA, GHA and Economic Development), approval for Jeff Jordan as Chair and Bob Dull as Vice-Chair and for the Spalding Collaborative to take minutes of the meetings. Survey to be sent so that will be able to report results on first meeting on June 13.

Old Business:

- Strategic Plan Update – anything specific. Will Doss will work on electronic business cards. Put on next Board agenda what we need to accomplish for our annual Board Retreat at the September Board Meeting. Vanora/Robyn will reserve UGA Griffin Garden Research House for September Board meeting for September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Planning to be put on agenda for next Executive Committee meeting.

New Business:

- Letter of Support for A Higher Calling, Inc. – Add to letter their affiliation “Because of relationship they have established with the Collaborative as a partner.....” Vanora will contact Walter Walker to contact Will to receive the letter by hand.
- Griffin Housing Authority – Bob Dull reported GHA did win appeal and regained funds – \$585,000 (but cannot use to refurbish buildings). GHA will have opportunities for the community with these funds. Also, moving around at Fairmont offices, and will having space there for the Collaborative for an office. Also, submitted YouthBuild Grant for \$1.3 million.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meetings:

Spalding Collaborative Meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2012 at 9 am at SCHED, 2nd Floor Training Room; Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for July 19, 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, _____
Will Doss, Chair

Respectfully submitted, _____
Vanora O'Dell/Robyn Redding