

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.
Meeting Minutes June 13, 2012 9:00 AM - Spalding County Health Department

Present: Regina Abbott, Kathy Bell, Skipper Burns, Carmen Caldwell, Ruth Daniel, Will Doss, Craig Dunn, Jo Ellis, Wilma Ham, Theodore Harris, Tricia Hill, Harry Kierbow, Michele Mason, Tracy McLean, Len Moore, Annie Nuness, Kevin Rice, Kim Stephens, Stephanie Summers, Rhonda Tucker-Williams, Jewel Walker-Harps, Joseph Walker, Georgette Wimbush, Ed Youmans, Robyn Redding **New Members:** Laurie Anderson and Deborah Sims **Guests:** Stephanie Taylor, Janie Clark, Vincent Greer (30)

Call to Order: Will Doss, Chair

Prayer/Pledge: Harry Kierbow/ Michele Mason

Minutes: May 9, 2012 - Motion to approve by Theo Harris, second by Skipper Burns, all approved.

Executive Director Report by Joseph Walker: The Back to School Bash is still scheduled to take place on August 4, 2012 at City Park. Ten social club groups have volunteered to come up with the money to make it a community-wide project. The meeting for the Back to School Bash will take place directly after the Collaborative Meeting. 1,000-1,500 children plus their parents are expected to attend. The Backpack Food for Kids Program has a starting fund of \$8,000. Several churches are willing to adopt a school. One child donated \$400 and Crescent Elementary donated \$250 to sponsor a child. There is one potential donor for the bookbags. Joseph Walker encouraged members to spread the word about the free summer food programs. Robby Milner brought a list of food programs in the county. Joseph introduced Dayton Rogan. He wants to start a club at Spalding High that will also be available at Griffin High. The program will establish a network between the high schools and the Spalding Collaborative in order to direct students interested in volunteer hours directly to service organizations.

Coordinator Report by Regina Abbott: The Spalding Collaborative is looking for ways to sustain programs despite lowered funding. One of the best ways to do so is the Resource Directory which is available online. The Collaborative is looking for other ways to promote the directory. Perhaps the logo on the Collaborative posters can be used for business cards. Regina asked if members were okay with the same logo being replicated on business cards. Jo Ellis suggested that the type of help the collaborative offers should be made clearer. Will Doss instructed anyone with ideas to email the Collaborative. The Collaborative, UGA-Griffin campus, and Griffin Housing Authority are looking to collaborate on a US Department of Education Promise Neighborhood Planning grant for the Educational Prosperity zone. The Partners for a Prosperous Griffin Spalding County will tour the Fairmont community this afternoon at their meeting.

Presentation by Denise Quick, Executive Director, Griffin-Spalding United Way: Denise Quick worked at NACOM before working at United Way and has a background in Human Resources. She was born and raised in Griffin and has been married to Jim Quick for 18 years with 3 sons. United Way has been in Spalding County for 67 years. United Way has been across the US for 125 years. It started as a Collaborative Activity in 1887 in Colorado. Now, United Way is worldwide. Every United Way is run by its own community. The headquarter is Fairfax, Virginia. They only set guidelines for the other divisions. In 2006, they raised over \$500,000. Because of the economy, they lost a few businesses that were their financial donors. Caterpillar is their biggest donor now. They accept applications once a year for the next year. Once they apply, they go through an allocation process. United Way is not state or federally funded. It is funded only by donors. The donors go out and talk to the organizations requesting funding about their purposes and decide whether or not they should be funded. The board reviews it. A vote is taken. The funding is given out in January. The applications are taken from February-April (approximately eight weeks). Their grant applications are taken via web. The campaign is in the fall. Final recommendations are in the spring. Donors are able to decide which organizations get their donations. Since 2006, 100% of Spalding donor dollars go to Spalding organizations. United Way hasn't set their annual goal yet because they're waiting on allocations to come in. Denise thinks that Spalding's United Way can raise \$1 million if they get more industries/organizations to help out. The biggest donors are usually people who barely make minimum wage. Denise advised members of the Collaborative to know their audience. It's better to use the person who received the service as the mouthpiece for the organization. People want to see what their donor money is doing. Think about your appearance when you're going out to ask for donations. Don't have too many family members on the board. Make sure you have someone in your organization who challenges you.

Committee Reports:

- **Senior Issues:** Jo Ellis- The Senior Center is a part of the Griffin Dance Club. They are preparing to do their fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association. The goal is to raise \$10,000. The first dance is at the end of July- line dance at Fairground. August- beach dance night from all over Georgia. September- big band dance.
- **Prevent Child Abuse Spalding:** Wilma Ham- PCAS had a display at the Health Fair the day before Mother's Day. The next meeting is June 25 at Health Department at 12:00 noon. Joseph added that First Steps will be moved back to the Collaborative. Regina is working on a low birthweight initiative that will be connected with First Steps to receive funding. Prevent Child Abuse Spalding will act as advisory committee.
- **Healthy Youth:** Carmen Caldwell/ Will Doss- group will meet directly after this meeting. Back to School Bash is the Saturday before school starts instead of the Saturday after school starts. Will Doss announced that the Collaborative now has a Facebook: www.facebook.com/spaldingcollaborative
- **Drug Awareness Prevention Coalition:** Regina- the next meeting is this afternoon at 1:30 in the Health Department
- **Parent Advisory Committee:** no additions
- **Spalding Co Re-entry Task Force:** Michele Mason- AJ Sabre presented briefly on some initiatives at the last meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 2 at the Police Station
- **PPGS:** Will Doss- PPGS now has 11 partners. The group is currently looking for a concentrated area to devote energies and funding. One of the areas is the Fairmont Community. The next meeting is today at 3:30 at Fairmont Community Center.

Partner Introductions

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is set for August 11, 2012

Approved, Will Doss – Chair

Respectfully Submitted, Robyn Redding – Admin Asst
