

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting, June 19, 2012; 12:00 p.m.
Spalding Regional Medical Center, Administration Board Room

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

Call to Order: Will Doss, Chairperson

Prayer/Pledge: Will Doss

Minutes: Approval – Board of Directors March 20, 2012 (Action Item)
Approval – Executive Committee April 19, 2012 and May 17, 2012 (Action Item)
Acceptance – Collaborative March 14, 2012, April 11, 2012, and May 9, 2012

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

Financial Report – period ending May 31, 2012: Regina Abbott

Negative balance in Youth Leadership will be taken out of Youth Advisory Council fund. Negative Balance for RASS program, but funds are being processed. Joseph has a promise of \$6,000 for Backpack program. Motion to accept by Phyllis Easton-Barkley, second by John Quinn, unanimous vote.

Executive Director Report- Joseph Walker

Healthy Youth Committee- Chair Kelly Leger attended a meeting regarding Back to School Bash about the need to raise \$3000 for event. The interested parties were encouraged to come up with \$300 per organization. Drop dead date to collect money is June 25. City Park is reserved for August 4, Saturday before school starts rather than the Saturday after school starts. Parks and Recreation will provide everything but grill and PA system.

Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition- Craig Dunn from Pathways has agreed to chair the DAPC. Monthly meetings are suspended temporarily so a core group can work on the Drug Free Community proposal over the coming months.

Senior Issues Committee- One hundred individuals were in attendance at the March 27 conference. . Rather than take on any projects, they will help with other initiatives while they plan for their next conference.

Parent Advisory Committee- the 100% tobacco-free school policy was a success. Also, Robyn Redding will be acting as administrative assistant in the place of Vanora O'Dell. CHARMS afterschool program has been successfully in operation for fourteen years. All but one student made the Honor Roll this year

PCA Spalding- continues to build library materials for the library that will be located in the Health Department. They also shared a table at the Community Health Fair

Caring House can no longer raise the funds to sustain the First Steps Program. The Collaborative will take it back and will be looking for funds. Regina is looking at a low birth weight initiative. The Collaborative hopes to connect the low birth weight initiative with First Steps and the Prevent Child Abuse Spalding Committee will act as the advisory board. Governor Deal has a mini grant specifically for the First Steps Program that is expected to be released that the Collaborative can apply. RTF- community roundtable event was successful. Representatives from DC helped to guide committee in right direction.

Longterm Recovery Committee- No new cases accepted after May 1. Case managers are servicing the final cases now. When those cases are completed and closed, the committee shall become dormant until need arises.

Backpack Food program- Joseph met with Bonnie Pfrogner and Dr. Christopher from UGA about the program in May. . In September, there will be a community dance downtown with all proceeds going to the Backpack Food Program. Joseph is coordinating a meeting with principals of all schools. Two churches have already volunteered to participate. There are possible donors for backpack purchases. The backpacks, nylon bags with strings, will be the same ones used at the Back to School Bash. They are approximately \$1.25 each. The Griffin Housing Authority has committed resources. Robert Dull stated that if the Spalding Collaborative sends an invoice to the Housing Authority, the money will be available. UGA has also agreed to make a donation. A young girl raised \$400 at her birthday party to sponsor two children; instead of asking for gifts, she asked for money to go toward the program. Also, the Student Council at Crescent Elementary donated \$250.

Partners for a Prosperous Griffin Spalding County- Agreed to meet quarterly. The PPGS now has three additional partners, Economic Development Authority, Griffin Housing Authority, and West Central Georgia Workforce Development, bringing the total number of partners to eleven. Robert Dull reported on the Educational Prosperity Zone. The Housing Authority plans to

partner with UGA-Griffin Campus, Southern Crescent Technical College and Griffin-Spalding School System to transform the Fairmont area into an educational prosperity zone. This collaborative will offer residents resources and workforce development training. Educational Prosperity Zone will emphasize further educational opportunities (post-secondary or training programs). The Griffin Housing Authority has committed \$175,000 to UGA to provide several programs.

Coordinator Report - Regina Abbott:

Spalding should reconsider being a partner in the low birth weight initiative. The initiative was developed in three counties in our region. One of the counties failed to make much progress so they were looking for another county to bring on board and suggested Spalding County. The initiative will help to jumpstart the First Steps program. An initial \$10,000 is needed to start the program. The Collaborative would outsource implementation through contracted services with Alpha2 Omega to include data management, reporting, outreach and health promotion, and case management. Visits will be made at the hospital as well as in-home non-medical visits (encouragement, support, linking mothers to resources prior to delivery). In accordance with the contractor agreement, A2O has first right of refusal for the contracted services. If A2O declines, an open bid will be posted for solicitations. Motion to participate in the Low Birth Weight Initiative by Eula Redding, second by Donna Parks, unanimous approval.

Bob Dull and Regina Abbott have approached Jeff Jordan from UGA for a Department of Education Promising Neighborhood Planning Grant (\$500,000). The due date for the grant is the end of July. Jewel Walker-Harps recruited members from the community to serve as an Advisory Committee. Bob Dull said that the grant allows the community to develop service programs targeting the neighborhood and based on implementation, a follow-up grant may be provided. The grant focuses on cradle to college to career going from early childcare to higher education to employment. The Collaborative could possible collaborate with Southern Crescent in order for residents to learn a trade. The grant would allow the Collaborative to show evidence that they have programs in place for the Educational Prosperity Zone. If successful, the program could expand into the entire Griffin community. Bob Dull stated that Griffin has as good a chance as other communities who already have programs in place.

Motion to approve moving forward with the Promising Neighborhood proposal by John Quinn, second by Phyllis Easton-Barkley, unanimous approval.

Old Business :

- FY2012 Governance Strategic Plan- the Collaborative wants to design a business-sized card to promote the on-line Resource Directory. Will Doss asked the Collaborative members for ideas similar to the yard signs/magnets used several years ago because they were so successful. The Governance Strategic Plan will be reviewed in more detail and updated at the upcoming annual meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the UGA Research Garden.

New Business:

- Donna Parks moved to increase the FY2013 Family Connection budget to \$45,000 from \$44,000 in accordance with the governor's additional allocation to GA Family Connection Partnership. Second by Bob Dull, unanimous vote.
- FY2013 Family Connection contracts pending final approval at July Executive Committee meeting.. Stephanie Windham moved to tentatively approve same contract as last year pending final approval at the next Executive Committee meetingSecond by David Clevenger, unanimous vote.
- The Annual Board Retreat will be held Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at UGA Research Garden.

Next Meetings

Collaborative Meeting, August 8, 2012 at Spalding County Health Department

Executive Committee changed to Wednesday July 18, 2012 at 8:30 at Eagles Way Church

Board Meeting, September 18, 2012; 10:30 am- 1 pm at UGA-Griffin Research Garden

Adjourned.

Approved, Will Doss, Chair

Respectfully Submitted, Robyn Redding, Admin Asst
