

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.
Meeting Minutes August 8, 2012 9:00 AM - Spalding County Health Department

Present: Nicole Adams, Amy Braswell, Carmen Caldwell, Grady Caldwell, Ruth Daniel, Jo Ellis, Dewey Haley, Tricia Hill, Mike Hubbard, James Johnston, Harry Kierbow, Kelly Leger, Tracy McLean, Len Moore, Eula Redding, Gary Stern, Ed Youmans, Regina Abbott, Joseph Walker, Will Doss, Robyn Redding **New Members:** Deborah Sims, Pamela Little **Guests:** Shaquita Leverette, Michael Mumper, Barbara McTigue, Eddie Huffman, Tracy Sanchez, Tamela R. McDonald (29)

Call to Order: Will Doss, Chair

Prayer/Pledge: James Johnston/ Eula Redding

Will Doss mentioned that the Board's strategic planning retreat is September 18 and asked partners if they have any ideas for the Collaborative to consider for next year. They can submit it via email to Robyn at spaldingcollaborative@gmail.com, or to Will, Joseph, and Regina.

Minutes: June 13, 2012 - Motion to approve by Harry Kierbow, second by Grady Caldwell, all approved.

Executive Director Report by Joseph Walker: The annual Back to School Bash was last Saturday. It was funded by private donations, small grants, and help from Joe Ward, Jr. and had more volunteers than ever. We were able to serve 900 kids. Joseph thanked Healthy Youth committee. Backpack Food for Kids program committee met last week with Dr. Jones. Start date is October 16. We will start with 70 kids with recommendations coming from principals, social workers, and school counselors. The program is targeted to children who don't get food from Friday afternoon after school to Monday morning. Dr. Jones will announce the four schools that will be served. The schools have already been selected and will align with the Promise Neighborhoods grant. We are looking for sources to buy the food and space for volunteers to pack food. We have decided to use grocery bags instead of bookbags. First Assembly volunteered to donate every month. Joseph Walker introduced Michael Mumper from the Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta. Neighborhood Summit will involve grassroots leaders from the community and the Collaborative will be traveling as a group.

Michael invited everyone to the 4th annual Neighborhood Summit. Summit has 400-500 attendees from metro-Atlanta. This year's theme is "Information: the power to transform communities." Focused on gathering data to make case about why/how organization is having a strong impact in community. Summit is about using data to tell the story about your organization. Neighborhood Nexus, an online data system, is one of the featured topics. Another workshop is how to use social media to strengthen the community. Curbside consultant will provide thirty minutes of free nonprofit consultation. The event is Saturday, September 22 from 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. The cost to attend is \$25. If you register before August 20, it's only \$20. If you're 55 or older or a student, it's \$15. Told partners to search for the Neighborhood Summit videos on youtube. The keynote speaker is Anne Cramer from IBM. His email address is Michael.Mumper@gmail.com.

September 15- the hospital is planning a 5k Scrub Run in support of the Backpack Food program.

Coordinator Report by Regina Abbott: The Collaborative is looking at pulling together a large group from Spalding County to attend the Summit. Talked with County Manager and has put a temporary hold on the Motorcoach. Looking at a sponsor to pay for the bus. After August 20, you can still register for \$15 if we go together (group registration of 10 people or more). Just contact Robyn about registration. We did get the grant in for the \$500,000 Promised Neighborhoods planning grant. The Educational Prosperity Initiative steering committee, 12 grassroots leaders, meets tomorrow at Fairmont Community Center at 10 a.m. The meeting will last an hour or less. Received a \$10,000 grant for low birthweight initiative. \$5,000 grant from Agnes B. Hunt for First Steps. Mollie Pruett with the Spalding County Health Department is the point-person for the initiative.

Presentation by Belinda Jones, Southern Crescent Area Agency on Aging: twelve agencies on aging in Georgia. Number to call is 1-866-552-4464. Belinda Jones discussed healthcare/medicare fraud/identity theft and told partners to pull credit report especially if you're disabled. Get Medicare if you're 65 or older or have been disabled for 24 months. Call Georgia Cares for more information. Open enrollment- October 15- December 2. You can opt out of telemarketers/credit card approvals by contacting the numbers she provided. The waiting list for the Community Cares program is on hold. Around October, they will release the list and begin admitting again. Placement is based on the level of impairment. If something happens to you that requires immediate service, you can be moved up on the waiting list. You have to be 18 or older and deemed disabled by Social Security or 65 and older.

Committee Reports:

- **Senior Issues:** Jo Ellis- met in July. Their focus is on Alzheimers Association fundraising. Had first line dance ever. Had a successful turnout of over 100 people. In August, Skipper is going to participate in beach dancing at Southern Crescent. September- big band dance. Wants to donate between \$500-1500 after every dance. Last dance, they donated over \$600. Last year, Spalding raised \$5,000. Also did Grandparents Raising Grandchildren for back to school. Representative from First Presbyterian Church: October 13-cookout for GRG from 12-3 at First Presbyterian Church. Next meeting is September 11
- **Prevent Child Abuse Spalding:** Joseph- group met and decided to act as advisory committee for First Steps and Low Birthweight. Changing the name to Healthy Children Strategy Team; PCAS will become part of that strategy team as well.
- **Healthy Youth:** Kelly Leger- saw more kids than ever at B2SB. Time to get new SWIFT booklet out, teen resource guide. Every 7th and 9th grader will receive a SWIFT business card. Healthy Youth committee invited partners who work with youth to be a part of their committee
- **Drug Awareness Prevention Coalition:** no report
- **Parent Advisory Committee:** no report. Scheduled to meet September 4 at 9 a.m.
- **Spalding Co Re-entry Task Force:** Joseph- met with representative from Washington about completing the planning grant. Asked for 6 month no cost extension so the RTF can continue to receive technical assistance with the planning process
- **PPGS:** meets again on regular basis. First meeting in June. Meets again in September. Promise Neighborhoods grant was submitted

Partner Introductions

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is set for September 12, 2012

Approved, Will Doss – Chair

Respectfully Submitted, Robyn Redding – Admin Asst
