

## Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children

### Annual Board Meeting

September 18, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Call to Order- Will Doss, Chair

#### Planning Session

**Timeline of Significant Events** -Things missing from the timeline:

- CHARMS started in 1998
- Katrina relief- 2005
- Back to School Bash- summer of 1997
- The Caregivers Conference
- SWIFT booklet
- Tobacco-free Schools

**Organizational Chart- Joseph Walker-** Staff suggested strategy teams be added and committees be linked to strategy teams. The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and Youth Advisory Council (YAC) will continue to function in their respective roles as advisory committees to the strategy teams and the board. The PAC members can join the Healthy Youth Strategy Team and select the activities they want to work on. We will ask Collaborative partners to get involved in at least one strategy team by self-selecting at least one activity to participate. The organizational chart helps to show that we have a continuum of care that ranges from birth through adulthood.

**FY2013 Board Development Plan-** the next scheduled board meeting is November 13. The Facebook page serves as a way to inform the community about the happenings of the Collaborative. It is also available to people who don't have a personal Facebook account. The weekly E-Newsletter is effective. It accomplished the goal of streamlining partner communications. An updated version of the Resource Guide hasn't been printed since January, but the online version is constantly updated. Each board member is supposed to be assigned to mentor someone, but most members do not know who they are assigned to. A new member orientation will be put in place where each new member receives a packet of information after joining the Collaborative. This should help new members feel more engaged.

**Suggestions for next year:** It would help if we had someone willing to write an article for the paper about what is taking place in Spalding Collaborative. An annual fundraiser event would help to sustain the collaborative infrastructure as well as giving the collaborative more prominence in the community. Examples: pinwheels/ "rounding"- asking people at stores to round up the total of their purchases by donating the change to Spalding Collaborative. Members agreed that asking Collaborative partners for monthly dues may result in a smaller attendance and involvement. Some people are on fixed incomes. Stephanie Windham suggested sponsors rather than membership dues. However, sponsorship should

be tied to a cause rather than just funds to go into the budget. Brian Miller from Sole Plus could serve to help bring funds and attention to Spalding Collaborative. We could also pattern after the school system's model of Partners in Education (Partners in Collaboration).

**Minutes June 19, 2012**– Motion by Phyllis Easton- Barkley, second by Eula Redding, all approved except Pam McCollum abstained because she was absent from the June 19 meeting.

**Financial Report- Joseph Walker** – Motion to accept by Donna Parks, second by Jewel Walker-Harps, unanimous approval.

**Executive Director's Report - Joseph Walker** – The Back to School Bash was held on August 4, 2012 and was a huge success. Nine hundred book bags were given out. Supplies were exhausted and 25 kids that were not served. Next year's BTSB will be coordinated with SolePlus, a nonprofit organization that specializes in event planning and has offered 1,000 pairs of Converse tennis shoes for the event. The event will take place downtown and with a goal of at least 2,500 children in attendance. The SWIFT booklets have arrived and were distributed at the BTSB. The Senior Issues committee is looking for other activities to get involved in. The PAC and YAC will continue in their advisory capacity, but PAC members will join the Healthy Youth Strategy Team in order to maximize the use of volunteers. Prevent Child Abuse Spalding is moving forward with the low birth-weight initiative, as well as plans to re-establish First Steps. The Re-Entry Task Force received a six month non-financial extension to allow for more time for process and to document the re-entry plan. The Backpack Food for Kids program has set a startup date of October 16, 2012. The plan is to serve 100 kids initially and to expand as more donations come in. Partners for a Prosperous Griffin-Spalding County is meeting quarterly.

**New Business** – The nominating committee (Pam McCollum, Donna Parks, and Regina Abbott) recommended for approval the following slate of officers for 2013 with unanimous approval:

- Stephanie Windham-chair
- Will Doss- immediate past chair
- Cynthia Tidwell- secretary
- Bob Dull- parliamentarian
- Jewel Walker-Harps- member at large
- Carmen Caldwell- vice chair

**Annual report and the review of IRS 990** were deferred to the next meeting.

**Board Development plan** -- Motion by Eula Redding, second by Georgette Wimbush, unanimous approval.

**Coordinator Report- Regina Abbott** – Wade Hutcheson gave a report at the Educational Prosperity Initiative meeting and stated that the city of Griffin's One Town One Goal initiative decided to take on the community garden as their 2013 Build Day. Wade is providing expertise. Several community partners will participate. The Griffin Housing Authority will fund two afterschool programs (Moore

Elementary and Fairmont Community Center). The GED classes are successful. They have over 20 people in the class and six are ready to graduate.

Next Collaborative meeting is October 10 presented by Hope Health Clinic. Stephanie Windham will chair because Will Doss will be absent

Meeting adjourned.

Approved, Will Doss – Chair

Respectfully Submitted, Robyn Redding – Admin Asst

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