

Executive Committee Meeting- November 15, 2012

Eagles Way Church

Present: Bob Dull, Cynthia Tidwell, Jewel Walker-Harps, Pamela McCollum, Joseph Walker, Will Doss, Regina Abbott, Robyn Redding, Donna Parks

Call to Order- Will Doss

Minutes- October 18, 2012 motioned by Robert Dull, second by Jewel Walker-Harps, unanimously approved

Financial Report- October 2012- Joseph Walker

- Started with \$64,537.47
- Income of \$11,160.92
- \$4620.00 for Backpack Food Program
- Expenses of \$13,269.45
- Ended balance of \$62,428.94
- Second Chance Re-entry program has zeroed out
- Family Connection started the year with \$45,000
 - Year-to-date expenses of \$14,714.89
 - Budget balance of \$30,285.11
- The Housing Authority will pay for the mentor program in a lump sum
- Acceptance of financial report motioned by Pam McCollum, seconded by Bob Dull, all approved

Executive Director Report- Joseph Walker

- Will Doss suggested a written progress report to be submitted to the Board before meetings, as well as to the newspaper to publish what we are doing. During Executive Committee and Collaborative meetings, we will still have Executive Director and Coordinator reports.
- Back-to-School Bash Committee is scheduled to meet again on November 28, 2012 at 3:00 pm at the Welcome Center.
- Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition has been combined with the Re-entry Task Force.
 - Will Doss mentioned two youth pastors who are interested in the same work to join in with the group.
- Senior Issues committee ordered magnets with important numbers. They also expressed interest in sponsoring a community garden. Wade Hutchison agreed to meet with all interested to help them start the garden. However, he will not help them maintain it. There has been an offer for land to use for this purpose located near the Food Depot.
- No report from Parent Advisory Council as there has been no formal meeting as such. Discussion ensued around the possibility of the educational prosperity steering committee fulfilling that role since essentially that is exactly what has evolved – rather than focused solely on teen pregnancy prevention and youth development, the steering committee is looking at

several comprehensive strategies to address risk factors and poor outcomes for the residents most impacted by poverty.

- Healthy Children Strategy Team- Regina and Joseph attended a Governor's Office for Children and Families mandated training for First Steps – Steward of Children. Krista Gonce wants to train 2,393 adults (the “tipping point”) in Spalding County within a five year period on child sexual abuse prevention training and awareness. We also have a chance to create Partners in Prevention initiative that shows that members of the group have been certified in child sexual abuse prevention. Hopefully, most, if not all, organizations in Spalding County that work with children will become certified. Georgia's Law changed in July to require that any organization that comes in contact with children are responsible for what happens to them, i.e., mandated reporter.
 - The Healthy Children Strategy Team is progressing well. Wilma Ham resigned the position as Chair due to health issues, so we are looking to find a chair for the group. The Low Birthweight and First Steps programs are going well with Molli Pruitt of the Spalding County Health Department providing the direct services.
 - We discussed the Ferst Foundation getting under the umbrella of Healthy Children.
- No report from Re-Entry Committee.
- Backpack Food for Kids program is progressing well. We are currently serving 119 children and looking for ways to involve the community in fundraising activities.
- Partners for a Prosperous Griffin-Spalding County will next meet on January 16,2013
- The Educational Prosperity Steering Committee had 40 in attendance at its last meeting. Representatives from UGA discussed the community garden concept. The GED classes are being well-attended

Coordinator Report- Regina Abbott

- The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta conducted a site visit for the Neighborhood Fund grant we applied pertaining to asbestos abatement at the Fairmont site. Members of the EPI committee, representatives from Parks and Rec, and local government officials present.
- We should be hearing from the Speedway Children Charity on the grant we submitted for the Backpack Program.
- Submitted Agnes B. Hunt fund for \$5,000 for First Steps and \$5,000 for Backpack Food program
- Applied for a \$1,000 grant from the Darden Foundation.

Old Business

- FY2012 Financial Review- Regina Abbott
 - The same CPA firm that did our audit last year is complete the Collaborative's FY2012 financial review for \$2,500. He should be starting by the end of the month
- Marketing Strategy
 - Telling our Story- we will use the progress report to get the message out about the Collaborative. GA Family Connection Partnership will be training about communications and marketing tomorrow during the monthly Peer-to-Peer Network meeting.

- What do we need to put in the progress report?
 - Joseph's Executive Director report
 - Ferst Foundation presentation
 - Bob Dull mentioned that program review and programs being consolidated for efficiency would show a good use of resources
 - Pam McCollum mentioned using a chart that shows the strategy teams' current positions, as well as next steps and challenges. She said it would be better if there were three points under each team to keep people's attention
 - We have three strategies: Children, Youth, and Community. Under each strategy are activities that address those strategies.
 - In between quarterly progress reports, we should do press releases.
 - Pam, Regina, and Will will work on a draft of the progress report
- Encumber Low Birthweight Prevention funds (Action Item)- the GA Family Connection Partnership is allocating an additional \$10,000 to fund the LBW strategy and those funds need to be encumbered by the end of this month. We can do that by extending the contracts that are already in place with Alpha 2 Omega and Spalding County Health Department. Motioned by Bob Dull, seconded by Pam McCollum, with five affirmative votes and one abstention. Cynthia Tidwell abstained as a potential conflict of interest because the health department is one of the contractors.

New Business

- FY2010 Audit Deficit Notice- DHHS ACF
 - We received a notice saying we had not filed an audit in 2010 for the Strengthening Communities Fund. We didn't actually meet the \$500,000 threshold requiring an audit. The accountant that completed the FY2011 audit concurred that we didn't have to file. Regina responded accordingly back to the Department of Health and Human Service Administration for Children and Families. There has been no response from them.
- 2013 Board Appointments- the following appointments expire December 31. It was agreed that Cynthia Tidwell will move into the position of Health Department Ex Officio position and ask the Board of Health to appoint someone else to the Board. We will send a letter to each of the appointing authorities requesting appointments be renewed or new appointees identified. Carmen Caldwell took Clay's position last year as the faith representative.
 - Griffin Board of Commissioners
 - Shaheer Beyah
 - Sam Parks
 - Eula Redding
 - Spalding County Legislative Delegation
 - David Clevenger
 - Department of Families and Children Services
 - Will Doss
 - Spalding County Board of Commissioners

- Irma Lewis
 - Connie Pound
- Spalding County Board of Health
 - Cynthia Tidwell
 - Vacant Ex Officio
- Pam McCollum will be rotating off the executive committee in the role of immediate past chair at the end of December.

Next Meetings

- Collaborative meeting on December 12, 2012, 9 am Spalding County Health Depart Training Room.
- Will suggested providing a brunch for that meeting to thank members for their service. The health department will provide the coffee, plates, napkins, and utensils. Pam McCollum will provide juice. Will Doss will bring grits casserole and biscuits. Bob Dull will bring the fruit trays and donut holes. Joseph Walker will bring cinnamon rolls. Donna Parks will bring little smokies. Robyn will announce that brunch will be served in the meeting reminder.
- Unless urgent business should arise, the December Executive Committee meeting is cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2013, 8:30 am at Eagles Way Church.
- Board meeting on January 17, 2013, 12 pm at Spalding Regional Medical Center.

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