

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Spalding County Health Department

February 13, 2013 9:00 AM

Present: Mike Statham, Pam Little, Leanne Gregory, Cynthia Tidwell, Jeannie Moxan, Doris Cristopher, James Johnston, John Devlin, Stephanie Windham, Harry Kierbow, April Patton, Tricia Hill, Jillian Rafter, Kelly Leger, Jewel Walker-Harps, Sherry Nash, Irma Lewis, Jeannette Greene, Teresa Brooks, Molli Pruitt, Carmen Caldwell, Krista Gonce, Joseph Walker, Regina Abbott. Tracie Sanchez, Anthony Hill, Janie Clark, Michele Mason, and Theo Harris. (29)

Call to Order: Stephanie Windham, Chair, called the meeting to order. The meeting opened with prayer and pledge. The minutes of the January 9, 2013 meeting were approved with the correction that Senior Issues Committee had just met. Motion: John Devlin. 2nd: Kelly Leger. Unanimous vote

In the essence of time, the **Director's Report** and **Coordinator's Report** were deferred to accommodate an additional presentation.

Doris Christopher, University of Georgia, announced two new programs available on the Griffin Campus beginning in Fall 2013, **Bachelor of Arts – Interdisciplinary Studies Degree in the Social Sciences with a Psychology Concentration and Bachelor of Arts – Interdisciplinary Studies Degree in the Social Sciences with a Sociology Concentration**. For more information, contact Faye Chatman, Program Director at fchatman@uga.edu or 770-229-3016 and Jymmyca Wyatt, Admissions Counselor at jlwyatt@uga.edu or 770-412-4401. In addition to the two new degree programs, UGA Griffin Campus is partnering with Gordon College to offer more of the two year courses on the Griffin campus and with the school system for dual enrollment for high school students with the potential to complete their first two years of college while in high school for a seamless transition into higher education

Krista Gonce, Regional Prevention Coordinator for the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy, spoke about the creation of a child sexual abuse coalition in Spalding County. The Georgia Center is leading a statewide **Prevention Initiative** to train 5% of the adult population in each county in Georgia to prevent, recognize and react responsible to child sexual abuse. The mission of the prevention initiative is to reduce the occurrence of child sexual abuse through a coordinated effort to bring Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children training to leading institutions and to shift social perspective on child sexual abuse in Georgia to make prevention part of the culture, and not society's taboo subject. Stewards of Children is the only adult-focused, evidence-based curriculum proven to increase knowledge, improve attitudes, and change child protective behaviors. She is working with Partners for a Prosperous Griffin Spalding County to get this initiative launched in Spalding County with a goal to help put an end to the sexual abuse of children and to make Spalding County the safest place in Georgia to raise children. A Prevent Now community awareness breakfast is planned for February 27 from 7:30 – 9:00 am at the Welcome Center. A three-hour Stewards of Children adult training sponsored by the Governor's Office for Children and Families is scheduled this afternoon from 1-4 pm. Other adult trainings are scheduled for March 7 from 1-4 pm and March 15 from 9 am – 12 pm at the Hope Health Complete Wellness Center. SOC facilitator training is scheduled on March 12 in Atlanta. The cost of facilitator training is \$350. Limited scholarships are available.

Strategy Team Updates:

The **Senior Issues Committee** is producing a 4x6 refrigerator magnet w/important phone numbers to distribute at the Care Givers' Conference in September.

Vanora O'Dell is now making in the hospital visits for First Steps. The next **Healthy Children** meeting is February 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Spalding Regional Hospital.

Healthy Youth is meeting immediately following the collaborative meeting to plan the 2013 Back to School Block Party scheduled in August, underage drinking billboards, and SWIFT. Underage drinking posters are available. Parks and Recreation is providing Winter Camp Adventures for children ages 5 to 12 during the school break of February 18-22 at City Park Community Center. Fairmont Center is closed for renovation. The camp will run from 8 am until 5 pm. The facility will be open from 7:30 am until 5:30 pm. Cost is \$45 per child. Twenty dollar scholarships are available to children who have a government assistance medical card, i.e., Medicaid, PeachCare. The program is funded through a partnership with Partners in Education, Spalding County Commission and Perdue's Paint and Body Shop. Registration is limited and provided on a first come first served basis. For more information, call 770-467-4750.

Members of the **Re-Entry Task Force** are meeting weekly to finalize details of the plan due for DOJ Ex-Offender Re-entry Planning Grant by the end of March. A focus group of 8-10 ex-offenders is scheduled for February 15 at UGA Griffin Campus. The next meeting is February 19, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Police Department.

The **Educational Prosperity Initiative (EPI)** is meeting monthly. Asbestos removal will be completed soon with demolition of the building to immediately follow for preparation of the community garden site. The next meeting is February 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at A.Z. Kelsey Academy. Immediately following, the Steering Committee meets with the Community Foundation coaches.

The **Partners for a Prosperous Griffin-Spalding** is hosting the Prevent NOW Spalding with a breakfast at the Welcome Center on February 27. The next meeting date is to be announced.

Partners were encouraged to share their announcements for appropriate events with the Chamber of Commerce to include in their weekly Member to Member newsletter.

Chair Stephanie Windham expressed appreciation for Joseph Walker's recent presentation to the Rotary Club.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is set for March 13, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Spalding County Health Department Training Room.

Approved, Stephanie Windham – Chair

Respectfully Submitted, Regina Abbott – Coordinator
