

**Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Eagles Way Church**  
**May 16, 2013**

**Present:** Stephanie Windham, Bob Dull, Jewel Walker-Harps, Carmen Caldwell, Will Doss, Joseph Walker, Regina Abbott, and Marcia Hatcher-Roberts

**Call to Order:** Stephanie Windham

**Minutes:** Motion to approve April 18, 2013 executive committee meeting minutes by Jewel Walker-Harps, second by Bob Dull, unanimous vote

**Financial Report:** Motion to accept through April 30, 2013 by Will Doss, second by Bob Dull, unanimous vote

**Executive Director's Report:**

The Back to School Block Party is scheduled for August 3, 2013 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Park at Sixth. The planning committee met May 14. The goal is to serve 2500 children. The Healthy Youth Committee, headed by Kelli Leger, is responsible for purchasing, packing and distribution of the 2,500 backpacks. Salvation Army will pack and deliver the backpacks to the event. Will Doss, on behalf of Eagles Way Church is recruiting another church to partner with the food. They are planning to cook 4,000 hotdogs and serving iced tea to drink. Will is also responsible for coordinating the entertainment. Brian Mill will meet with city officials to finalize the day and to solidify expectations from the City. Joseph Walker is responsible for coordinating the exhibits. This year exhibitors will be asked to bring their own tables, pop-up tents, if they want it and water. Exhibits are expected to be limited to 20 organizations. United Bank agreed to purchase 2,500 book bags. A major publicity kick-off will be scheduled with United Bank after the bag arrives. WellCare of Georgia has committed to sponsor. Will and Brian are still approaching businesses in Spalding for financial and in-kind donations. Atlanta Motor Speedway has not yet committed to providing supplies, but has agreed to provide 400 boxes of food to give families at the event. They will deliver the food on Friday and provide volunteers to distribute the food on Saturday. DFCS will identify the 400 families to receive the food vouchers. The details of selecting the children to receive the tennis shoes have not been finalized. Several groups have stepped forward to volunteer with the event.

The final report for the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance Re-entry Planning grant has been submitted with the final strategic plan. A setback to implementation stems from the termination of the relationship between Georgia Department of Corrections and A Higher Calling. At this point, the 75 housing slots needed for the ex-offender are not available through A Higher Calling.

Joseph and Will attended the Grow Better Griffin meeting on the first Saturday of May at Safe House Coffee. The meeting was well attended and the group expressed interest in becoming involved to improve the quality of life in Spalding County. The next meeting date has not been set.

Backpack Food for Kids will end for this school year at the end of next week. The current school year budget has been met and we have a very good start on next year's budget. Regina Abbott is collecting data to provide a report to supporters. Plans are to increase capacity at current schools or expand to additional schools in the fall.

FOX 5 News interviewed Joseph in follow-up to the recent news piece based on the University of Wisconsin health outcomes. The Spalding Board of Health is planning to Skype with officials from University of Wisconsin during their upcoming retreat.

**Coordinator's Report:**

Family Connection FY2013 Quarter 3 report submitted.

Educational Prosperity Initiative continues to increase grassroots participation. UGA facilitated focus group with the steering committee on May 2. Twenty EPI members completed the Stewards of Children training on May 9. The Neighborhood Fund grant will conclude May 31. HUD's Choice Neighborhoods \$500,000 Planning Grant deferred until next year pending finalization of the City's comprehensive plan. We are still watching for the release of the U.S. Department of Education's Promise Neighborhood Notice of Funding Availability.

As of May 6, 73 adults have completed Stewards of Children (SOC) training. Marcia Hatcher-Roberts presented Prevent NOW at the last Foster Parents Association meeting at Hanleiter Methodist Church. SOC training is scheduled on June 8 from 9 am – 12 pm at Eagles Way Church. The training scheduled at the Kiwanis building on May 9 was cancelled due to low registration.

A \$10,000 grant application was submitted to Caterpillar for the Backpack Food for Kids Program.

The Governor's Office for Children and Families is expected to release the First Steps Call for Proposals soon.

Grant-writing 101 Bootcamp is scheduled for May 2 and 3 from 9 am to 5 pm at UGA Research Garden. Registration is \$80.

Georgia Kids Count training is scheduled for June 19 from 9 am to 5 pm at Southern Crescent Technical College. Registration is free.

Regina disclosed work relationships (primarily grant writing) with Homestead Ownership (a Griffin-based non-profit seeking to become a Community Housing Development Organization), Hands of Hope in Stockbridge and possibly a couple of other free clinics in Villa Rica and Gainesville. It is likely that Alpha2 Omega will sub-contract with Harry Kierbow, formerly Hope Health Clinic, and Sherry Nash, formerly Stepping Stones, to help with research and grant writing for these new clients.

Beginning with FY2014, a volunteer database will be maintained with hours, etc. as required by IRS for 501(c)3 designation.

#### **Old Business**

Will Doss is working on getting bids from certified public accountants to compare with the quote provided by Haisten and Johnston.

#### **New Business**

Motion by Will Doss to approve the 2012-2013 school year Mentoring MOA adjustment, second by Carmen Caldwell, Bob Dull recused himself, affirmative vote to approve.

Motion by Will Doss to approve the 2013-2014 school year Mentoring MOA, second by Carmen Caldwell, Bob Dull recused himself, affirmative vote to approve.

Motion by Bob Dull to approve the FY2014 Family Connection contract with Joseph Walker, seconded by Will Doss unanimous vote.

Motion by Carmen Caldwell to approve the FY2014 Family Connection contract with Alpha2 Omega Center for Organizational Excellence, seconded by Jewel Walker-Harps, unanimous vote.

Motion by Bob Dull to table approval of and implementation of the DOJ BJA Second Chance Act Adult Offender Re-entry Strategic Plan until the plan is expanded to include a broad profile of individuals, including females, second by Will Doss, unanimous vote.

Motion by Will Doss to request Grady Caldwell to become the ambassador for ex-offender re-entry in Spalding County, second by Carmen Caldwell, unanimous vote.

The July Executive Committee is scheduled for July 18, but will be cancelled if there is no business.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted:

Approved:

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Regina Abbott, Coordinator  
Spalding County Collaborative Authority  
for Families & Children

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Stephanie Windham, Chair  
Spalding County Collaborative Authority  
for Families & Children