

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children
Board Meeting
June 18, 2013
12:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Stephanie Windham, Chair

Present: Shaheer Beyah, David Clevenger, Will Doss, Robert Dull, Phyllis Easton-Barkley, Yvonne Langford, Pam McCollum, Judge Ben Miller, Jr., Donna Parks, Cynthia Tidwell, Jewel Walker-Harps, Georgette Wimbush and Stephanie Windham. Staff: Regina Abbott. Presenter: Molli Pruitt.

Absent: Carmen Caldwell, Ruth Daniel, Irma Lewis, Sgt. Sam Parks, John Quinn, Eula Redding, Cameron Taylor, and Rep. John Yates.

Minutes: Motion by David Clevenger, second by Georgette Wimbush, unanimous vote to approve March 19, 2013 Board minutes, April 18, 2013 Executive Committee minutes, and to accept March 13 and April 10, 2013 Collaborative minutes.

Financial Report: Motion to accept by Yvonne Langford, second by Donna Parks, unanimous approval to accept Spalding Collaborative financials through May 31, 2013.

Progress Report:

Attached

Old Business:

The FY2012 **Governance Strategic Plan** was reviewed.

Members completed the annual update of their Conflict of Interest *disclosure statement*.

New Business:

It was confirmed board members received the 2011 IRS Form 990 for period ending June 30, 2012 in April prior to the filing of same. There were no questions.

The FY2012 Annual Report was distributed.

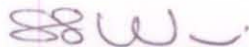
Presentation:

Molli Pruitt, Spalding County Health Department and A Better Life Counseling & Coaching, presented on the First Steps and Low Birthweight Programs.

Next Board meeting: September 17, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. tentatively at the UGA Griffin Campus Education & Research Garden on Ellis Road. Stewards of Children training will be provided the first two hours. Lunch will be served.

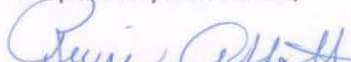
Meeting adjourned

Approved,



Stephanie Windham – Chair

Respectfully Submitted,



Regina Abbott – Coordinator

HEALTHY CHILDREN STRATEGY

Prevention Coalition	First Steps	Low Birthweight Prevention
<p>Purpose: To raise the awareness of the impact of child sexual abuse in Spalding County to create a desire to go through the Stewards of Children (SOC) training</p> <p>Goal: Trained adults every place a child goes using the same basic tools to protect children from sexual abuse</p> <p>Objectives: Prevent NOW community awareness meetings National designation as Partner in Prevention (PIP) 2,393 Stewards of Children (SOC) trained adults in 5 years</p> <p>Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopted Prevention Policy • Designated Darkness 2 Light Partner in Prevention • Conducted Prevent NOW breakfast (40 in attendance) • Secured sponsors for facilitator certification training (\$2,100) • Trained 6 SOC facilitators • Conducted 8 SOC trainings • Completed training requirement for PIP designation (100%) • Held 4 Prevention Coalition meetings • Conducted Prevent NOW w/Foster Parent Assoc • Pinwheels display scheduled <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-monthly Prevention Coalition meetings • SOC training scheduled on 8/14 for 1st Methodist Preschool • Schedule Prevent NOW community awareness events • Schedule Stewards of Children trainings • Secure funding source to train one school <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of response to community wide training opportunities 	<p>Purpose: Universal support services for all expectant parents and children ages birth to five and their families</p> <p>Goal: Strengthen the protective factor of concrete connections to promote maternal and infant health for expectant parents and parents of children ages birth to five</p> <p>Objective: Provide current, relevant information on topics of interest and community resources to 800 families with expectant parents and/or parents of children ages birth to five</p> <p>Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded \$12,000 GOCF grant • Organized strategy team • Completed hospital orientation • Recruited and trained 2 volunteers; recruited 2 additional volunteers from Spalding First Foundation • Executed MOU with health department for in-kind direct services • Collaborating with PH programs • Updated family resource guide • Developed approved parent resource packet • Registering families with First Foundation • Completed 6 data collection and reporting trainings • Reported 331 of the 400 mid-grant benchmark • Received 100% of the mid-grant allocation • Exceeding benchmark with addition of Head Start families <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit additional volunteer • Train additional volunteers and complete hospital orientation • Search for relevant grants, sponsors, partnerships for next fiscal year <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability – funding & institutionalization • Change in pre-school registration protocol presented a challenge to reach the 400 families benchmark • Resignation of volunteer 	<p>Purpose: To strengthen model strategies using best and promising practices to reduce low birthweight (LBW) in counties with high LBW rates</p> <p>Goal: Women living healthy lifestyles, receiving proper care and nutrition before, during, and after pregnancy, and have adequate supports and services delivering healthy babies</p> <p>Objectives: Reduce unintended pregnancies Increase birth spacing to 18 to 23 months Reduce maternal smoking Improve nutrition Improve access to health care, including chronic disease management</p> <p>Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized diverse, active strategy team • Scheduled Fresh Start classes through hospital • Awarded \$20,000 allocation from GA FCP (Kaiser Permanente) • Executed MOU with health department for in-kind direct services • Connect Group for at-risk expectant moms and moms of LBW babies initiated • Home visits initiated <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search potential funding sources, e.g. March of Dimes, AmeriGroup, etc. <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability – funding & institutionalization

HEALTHY YOUTH STRATEGY

Backpack Food for Kids Program	Mentoring Program	Sole Plus Back to School Block Party
<p>Purpose: To provide food packs for school-age children experiencing food insufficiency</p> <p>Goal: To alleviate hunger through nutritious meals for food challenged students during weekends to decrease health risks and to improve their ability to learn</p> <p>Objectives: Serve 100 students Serve 4 elementary schools</p> <p>Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised 100% (\$11,286) of budget needed for 2012-2013 school year • Recruited sufficient number of packing volunteers • Have exceeded goal by 47%; 147 students served at 4 schools • Awarded second \$2,500 grant from Central Georgia EMC • Rotary Club contributed \$100 • Have \$19,672 to start the 2013-2014 school year <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach to churches for sponsorships • Search potential funding sources • Recruit program coordinator • Apply for Kroger Community Rewards Program • Apply to B.J.'s Foundation for funding • Expand target goal to 200 students for 2013-2014 school year in the same 4 schools (Anne St., Moore, Atkinson, & Jackson Rd) until those school are saturated <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability – funding & institutionalization 	<p>Purpose: To match caring adults with students in the G-S School System who would benefit from having a volunteer mentor to help them on their path to becoming successful adults</p> <p>Goals: Improved school attendance Better attitudes toward school Increased likelihood of completing school Decrease in student substance abuse</p> <p>Objectives: Serve 40 students -- 10 from Moore, 10 from Kennedy, & 20 HS Mentors interact with mentee once each week on school premises during school hours Minimum one-year mentor commitment</p> <p>Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pooled funding – Chamber, School System, and Housing Auth • Contracted coordinator • Developed program protocol and materials; created website • Conducted outreach • Conducted mentor training classes • Assigned first mentors with mentees in January • 35 mentors trained • 21 placements at Moore Elem, Kennedy Rd Middle, Spalding High, or Griffin High • Coordinator completed G-S Leadership <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search potential funding sources • Meet w/Dr. Christopher of UGA re incorporating mentor program into staff service to community • Add A.Z. Kelsey Academy for 2013-2014 school year <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient number of mentees referred 	<p>Purpose: A celebration of all things Griffin</p> <p>Goals: A generation of small-town empowered youth</p> <p>Objectives: Develop partnerships between the organizations Provide 1,000 pairs of shoes to students Provide 2,500 backpacks w/supplies to students</p> <p>Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged experienced event planner • Confirmed date, time, location • Conducted kickoff planning meeting • Committee leaders identified • Developed budget and sponsorship packets • Received commitments of sponsorships for backpacks and shoes • Atlanta Motor Speedway committed 400 boxes of food • Strategic partnership b/w City (Main Street), Spalding P&R, Sole+, and Collaborative • CBOs have offered to make on-line registration available families with limited or no access to internet <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise CBOs of registration date to secure hours site will be accessible to the public • Finalize and post on-line registration form • Announce registration <p>Challenges:</p>

HEALTHY COMMUNITY STRATEGY

GED / Adult Literacy Program	Neighborhood Capacity Building	Community Garden
<p>Purpose: To offer a nurturing, community-based learning environment for adults to improve literacy and/or achieve GED</p> <p>Goals: To improve adult employability and self-sufficiency</p> <p>Objectives: Community-based facility Maintain a minimum of 18 students</p> <p>Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCTC funded program • County facility provided in-kind • 20+ students currently enrolled • 6 graduates to date <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify funding sources to expand program • SCTC to provide computers • FCC re-opened and program will be returned on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am – 12 noon <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some students failed to continue program on campus during the facility closure at FCC 	<p>Purpose: To engage and empower residents to take ownership of neighborhood re-vitalization</p> <p>Goal: To inform the greater community (Griffin/Spalding) and to engage the Fairmont neighborhood in the educational prosperity initiative</p> <p>Objectives: Develop and distribute EPI marketing / publicity materials Convene neighborhood meetings Hold 1 meeting with pastors Hold 1 meeting with FVHS Alumni At least 10 neighborhood residents participate in OTOG At least 3 additional FVHS alumni engaged in EPI At least 2 additional churches engaged in EPI Convene monthly EPI steering committee meetings</p> <p>Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged 11 residents to attend Neighborhood Summit • Awarded Community Fund grant \$6,000 • Assigned 2 capacity building community coaches from Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta • Meeting monthly since June (attendance exceeded 40) • Addressed National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Leaders Conference (Building Sustainability and Public Health: One Housing Authority's Perspective) • Made EPI presentation to 6 audiences (i.e., Housing Council, FBOs, steering committee, NAACP, City/County/BOE/UGA, Fairmont Alumni) • Presented at Georgia Public Health Association Conference (Building Sustainability and Public Health: One Housing Authority's Perspective) • Increased neighborhood representation at meetings by 200% • Successfully met all objectives of the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta grant • Conducted focus group <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and leverage funding sources for programming <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging neighborhood representatives to take leadership 	<p>Purpose: To help communities grow fresh produce, raise beautiful flowers, and cultivate healthy, caring neighborhoods</p> <p>Goals: To work closely with Fairmont neighborhood residents to support community development, gardening efforts, and educational programming focused on the garden</p> <p>Objectives: Community garden at FVHS Access to nutritional food</p> <p>Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved \$18,800 contract for asbestos abatement • Funded 2 part-time horticulturalists (program assistants) for 18 months • Hired 2 program assistants for community garden • Convened meeting with residents • Abated asbestos and demolished building; debris removed • Seedlings started at GARC greenhouse • Soil prepared, design finalized, plots assigned, and planting • Harvesting begun • Weekly summer activities and educational sessions for children • Gardeners issued passcode for lock on gate for convenience <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to reach out and engage the neighborhood residents <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liability • Lack of driver's license