

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Spalding County Health Department

August 14, 2013 9:00 AM

Present: Regina Abbott, Jarvis Barnes, Bert Capps, Carmen Caldwell, Janie Clark, Betsy Cox, Ruth Daniel, Fannie Delaney, Will Doss, Denise Eady, Jo Ellis, Dewey Haley, Theodore Harris, Sharon Harvey, Cherry Hovatter, James Johnston, Jillian Rafter, Eula Redding, Antoinette Thornton, Kim Stephens, Cynthia Tidwell, Jewell Walker-Harps, Joseph Walker, and Stephanie Windham. (24)

Stephanie Windham, Chair, called the meeting to order. Will Doss opened with prayer followed by pledge.

James Johnston moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2013 meeting; seconded by Jewel Walker-Harps and unanimously approved.

A moment of silence was taken in memory of Louise Greene, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation.

Neighborhood Summit

Michael Mumper, Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, announced the upcoming annual Neighborhood Summit for the 23 county region. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 21 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Loudermilk Center in Atlanta. Over 13 people attended from Spalding last year. The registration fee is \$20 per person or \$15 per person for groups of 5 or more, students and persons age 55 and over. Griffin Housing Authority is providing some registration scholarships and transportation. Anyone interested in attending may contact Jewel Walker-Harps, this year's ambassador, or Regina Abbott for more information.

OneHarvest Food Ministries

OneHarvest Food Ministries was presented by Will Doss, Executive Pastor of Eagles Way Church. OneHarvest stretches food dollars of individuals and families across the nation approximately 60% while giving local churches and nonprofits the opportunity to serve the community. There are no applications or qualifications. OneHarvest is open to anyone regardless of income and may be purchased for others as a gift or blessing. Orders are placed through local churches and nonprofits by a given deadline. Customers have one week to pick up their order from the date of delivery. There are several options from which to choose with the cost ranging between \$20 and \$46 per box. At present, Eagles Way Church is the only drop site in Spalding County, but is looking for other interested churches and/or nonprofits to serve as a site. To place an order, contact Eagles Way Church or go on-line to www.oneharvest.com.

Healthy Children Strategy

Speedway Children's Charities has partnered with Americans Feeding Americans to sponsor Feed the Children on August 22 whereby 400 families from Spalding County will be given boxes of food, toiletries and bottled water at the Motor Speedway in Hampton; an in-kind contribution of \$8,200.

Spalding Regional Hospital is sponsoring 2nd Annual Scrub Run to support the Backpack Food for Kids Program on September 28.

The Kitchen Drawer is planning a fundraiser on October 19 to support the Collaborative's Healthy Children Strategy.

Caterpillar Foundation funded BPFFK in the amount of \$12,750.

First Steps volunteers are needed since the Spalding Ferst Foundation volunteers declined.

Governor's Office for Children and Families First Steps grant application for \$12,000 was submitted.

The Low Birthweight Connect group met, but no moms showed up. The meeting was productive with new networks formed between providers.

Healthy Youth Strategy

The Back to School Block Party (BTSBP) provided 2,300 book bags with school supplies and 1,000 pairs of Converse tennis shoes. An additional 120 pairs of shoes were given Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church for distribution. The in-kind value of the shoes is estimated at more than \$55,000. The 2014 planning team has met to de-brief and begin planning the next event.

The week-long city-wide vacation bible school at Anne Street Elementary, Kids Explosion, reported a total of 322 children in attendance. They are making a \$120 donation to Backpack Food for Kids.

The Youth Advisory Council developed an underage drinking prevention awareness campaign, "Simply Sober, Simply Me", during their week-long training at the Teen Institute in June. They exhibited at the BTSBP.

Strategy team is developing fundraising plan (i.e., t-shirt sales) which will engage high school students. The team will also pursue obesity prevention.

Healthy Community Strategy

Community Conference for Seniors is scheduled for September 24 from 9:30 to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Re-entry Task Force has partnered with New Mercy Community Development Center to apply for a small grant from Morehouse School of Medicine to study health disparities.

Introductions & Announcements

Girl Talk / Canning & Stocking Your Pantry sponsored by Spalding Regional Hospital, free event on August 20

Three Spalding seniors went to national senior olympics; several placed in state. Kinship Care, grandparents raising grandchildren, can always benefit from such things as left-over book bags and Feed the Children.

The Educational Prosperity Initiative announced a new meeting date, the first Thursday of the month as needed. There is no meeting in August. The September meeting will be at Fairmont Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is set for September 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Spalding County Health Department Training Room.

Approved, Stephanie Windham – Chair

Respectfully Submitted, Regina Abbott – Coordinator
