

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children
Executive Committee Meeting
Eagles Way Church
August 15, 2013

Present: Stephanie Windham, Jewel Walker-Harps, Carmen Caldwell, Will Doss, Donna Parks, Cynthia Tidwell, Joseph Walker and Regina Abbott

Call to Order: Stephanie Windham

Minutes: Motion to approve May 16, 2013 executive committee meeting minutes by Jewel Walker-Harps, second by Donna Parks, unanimous vote

Financial Report: Motion to accept financial report ending June 30, 2013 and through July 31, 2013 by Will Doss, second by Cynthia Tidwell, unanimous vote

Executive Director's Report:

The Back to School Block Party netted a deficit of \$4,304. Cynthia Tidwell made a motion with Will Doss seconding to authorize Brian Miller along with Joseph Walker and Regina Abbott to negotiate the balance of the backpacks to be used for the 2014 event.

Community Conference for Senior Issues is scheduled for September 24 at the Senior Center with breakfast and lunch provided. Plans include several speakers, entertainment and exhibitors. The committee used \$395 of their funds to purchase refrigerator magnets with important numbers for distribution at the conference.

The \$12,000 First Steps grant has been submitted to the Governor's Office for Children and Families for second year funding. Expecting a decrease in Kaiser Permanente Low Birthweight Prevention grant, we will continue to seek funding from other sources.

New Mercy Community Development Center has agreed to be the face of the Re-entry Task Force with Pastor Grady Caldwell serving as the point person for the community rather than the Collaborative. They are currently seeking a research grant from Morehouse College that will address the issues concerning the lack of health services for those released from prison and returning to Spalding County and the overall effect on the community at large.

Backpack Food for Kids will resume the week of Labor Day serving the same schools as last year with an additional 50 students increasing the goal to 200. Last year, \$30,958 was raised with expenses of \$15,148 leaving \$15,810 to start the 2013-2014 school year. Spalding Regional Hospital is sponsoring the second annual scrub run September 28. Grow Griffin is sponsoring a fundraiser, Griptoberfest, on October 19 at Griffin Pavillion.

Educational Prosperity Steering Committee members are planning to attend the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta Neighborhood Summit in September. Jewel Walker-Harps and Fannie Delaney are the ambassadors for Spalding County this year.

Coordinator's Report:

The 2013 Self-Assessment is due to Georgia Family Connection Partnership on September 30. The Vitality Survey is a requirement this year and will be released in mid-September with a deadline of November 30.

Old Business

Consensus was to engage Clifton, Lipford, Hardison, & Parker to perform the FY2013 financial review for \$2,500 and Haisten and Johnston to complete Form 990 period ending June 30, 2013. The coordinator will complete 1099s and the treasurer will assure the monthly reconciliation to the general ledger.

The Spalding Board of Health with assistance from the District 4 epidemiologist has identified smoking, obesity, and diabetes as areas of concern they are forming a focus group to address. Carmen Caldwell, Bob Dull, and Donna Parks will represent the collaborative. Cynthia Tidwell will be completing training at Emory as a certified diabetes educator. The group will meet the second Thursday of each month.

New Business

Plans for the annual retreat and board meeting were finalized. Stewards of Children training will be provided board members.

Jewel Walker-Harps moved that Will Doss chair the Nominating Committee with Cynthia Tidwell and Donna serving on the committee. Carmen Caldwell seconded. Unanimous vote.

Consensus was to renew the Directors and Officers Insurance.

The Griffin-Spalding County Community Conference date has been postponed until post-election and the title of the conference changed.

The school system approved \$4,500 in the 2013-2014 budget for Stewards of Children training.

The need for recouping increased costs and work associated with grants, contracts, agreements or understandings for fiscal agent was discussed. Further exploration will go into drafting a plan. Potential membership dues and/or a signature fundraising event are possibilities for helping to raise operating revenues.

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:

Regina Abbott, Coordinator
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Stephanie Windham, Chair
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