

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Spalding County Health Department

September 11, 2013 9:00 AM

Present: Regina Abbott, Tammy Bradberry, Grady Caldwell, Carmen Caldwell, Kathleen Caldwell, Bert Capps, Janie Clark, Ruth Daniel, Toni Doaty, Will Doss, Denise Eady, Jo Ellis, Yolanda Freeman, Sherrie Gilreath, Jeannette Greene, Dewey Haley, Afiya King, Brian Miller, Julie Moore, Molli Pruitt, Kim Stephens, Robyn Strickland, Stephanie Summers, Cynthia Tidwell, Jewell Walker-Harps, and Vanessa Wilkins. (26)

Carmen Caldwell, vice-chair, called the meeting to order. Reverend Grady Caldwell opened with prayer followed by the pledge led by Jo Ellis.

Donna Parks moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2013 meeting; seconded by Jo Ellis and unanimously approved.

FY2013 Family Connection Self-Assessment is due September 30. Members asked to carefully check their contact information on the sign-in sheet for accuracy. The roster will be updated and purged over the next couple of months.

The GA Family Connection Partnership will release the FY2014 Vitality Survey on September 16. The deadline for returning completed surveys is November 30. The survey may be completed on-line as an alternative for those unable to attend a meeting where it is administered. In order to get a report back from the Partnership, a minimum of ten completed surveys are required. The preferred method is at the beginning of meetings.

Eternal Hope Hospice

Denise Eady, 25+ years RN and community liaison/educator for Eternal Hope Hospice, focuses on the quality of life rather than death or end of life. Free services are available on an individual and group basis. The services cover chronic life-limiting situations, overview of disease, medications and treatment, and navigating the healthcare system. The next six-week series is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Hill Baptist Church.

Healthy Children Strategy

Approximately 95 percent of the required goal for First Steps has been reached. Access to the Hispanic community is needed. The Low Birthweight Healthy Connection group, scheduled for Tuesday September 24 from 10-11 a.m. at the Caring House, is open to anyone. Stewards of Children training has been condensed to two hours and customized to the population. FY014 funding for LBW and FS is being sought.

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

Grow Griffin is planning a fundraiser on October 19 to support the Collaborative's children's charities.

Healthy Youth Strategy

Strategy team is meeting immediately following the collaborative meeting to discuss new activities and programs.

The Council on Alcohol and Drugs Community Prevention Awareness Workgroup will meet with the HYST. The average age of alcohol onset in Spalding County is 13 years old. The upcoming media campaign will focus on teen on adult underage drinking prevention.

Mentors are needed for the Griffin-Spalding Schools Mentoring Program for Moore, Atkinson, and Anne Street Elementary, Kennedy Road Middle, A.Z. Kelsey Academy, Spalding High, and Griffin High Schools.

Healthy Community Strategy

Last call for registration to the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta Annual Neighborhood Summit scheduled for Saturday, September 21 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Loudermilk Center in Atlanta. The registration fee is \$20 per person or \$15 per person for groups of 5 or more, students and persons age 55 and over. Contact Jewel Walker-Harps or Regina Abbott for more information.

Community Conference for Seniors at the Spalding County Senior Center on September 24 from 9:30 am – 2 pm. Pre-registration required for meal count. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Churches urged to bring vans full of seniors. Call 678-972-1651 for more information. Exhibit spaces are still available. Maximum registration is 200.

Spalding County Health Department will host another drive through free flu shot clinic on October 22 from 6 am to 6 pm and October 23 from 9 am to 7 pm or until the vaccine runs out. Free flu shots will be administered to Spalding County seniors at the Senior Center on September 23 and 26 from 10 a.m. until noon.

The Educational Prosperity Initiative will not meet on the regularly scheduled date in October. Instead the EPI will be participating in planning and implementing with UGA a charrette to document a collective vision for Fairmont's urban redevelopment plan.

Re-entry Task Force participated in two day retreat with DOC, DOJ, Pardons and Parole for a review of strategic planning and evidence-based practices. The first day was in Forsyth and the second was in Columbus with a representative from the Governor's office present.

The Christian Women's Center (CWC) is hosting the Spalding County Social Services after Hours, an opportunity to meet and greet on September 17 from 5-7 pm at The Well, a program of the CWC, located at 1428 GA Hwy 16 West. The Well is a volunteer-staffed Walk-in Resource Center for women. Thrifty by Design Boutique, located in the same shopping center, is another program of the CWC offering higher-end clothing, accessories, housewares, and gifts. Proceeds benefit The Well.

Introductions & Announcements

Go to krogercommunityrewards.com to register online to designate the Spalding Collaborative (NPO # 53886) as the nonprofit organization to receive cash donations based on qualifying purchases. Cards are also available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

National Day of Remembrance Service is planned for Wednesday, September 25 at 10 a.m. at The Park at Sixth. Dr. Bill Hardee, pastor of First Baptist Church Griffin, is the keynote speaker.

WellCare has grants available to support community gardens.

Young Lives committee needs volunteers for teen moms.

Caring House flapjack fundraiser at Applebee's on September 21.

Southern Crescent Technical College has scheduled student health fairs on October 22 and 23 from 1 – 2:30 p.m. at the Griffin and Thomaston campuses respectively.

Rock & Roll Dance (not a senior dance) at the VFW on September 28 is a fundraiser for Alzheimer's. One out of three families is affected by Alzheimer's. The mortality rate for Alzheimer's has increased rather than decreased like most other diseases due to the lack of research dollars.

The 4-H Food Booth will be open during the Spalding County Fair next month.

The Griffin-Spalding School System is celebrating the 60th year anniversary of merging the schools at Fairmont. Contact Donna Parks with any historical records, specifically for class of 1954.

Griffin-Spalding March of Dimes 5K walkathon is planned for October 19 at Tyus Park. Contact Kim Stephens at Spalding Regional Hospital for more information.

Spalding Regional Hospital is working through law enforcement to sponsor a Prescription Drug Take Back Program in the Walmart parking lot on October 26.

Christian Women's Center Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 14 with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and the shot gun start at 9 a.m. at Sun City Peachtree Golf Club.

Griffin Day Reporting Center is seeking opportunities for probationers to complete community service hours. If supervision is required, Saturdays are best. For more information, contact Probation Officer Robyn Strickland at 770-358-5002 or po2-grifdrc@dcor.state.ga.us.

October is National Disability Awareness Month. GA Vocational Rehabilitation provides support for anyone 18 years or older who is permanently disabled and who wants to work. For more information, contact Michele Mason.

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

Approved, Stephanie Windham – Chair

Respectfully Submitted, Regina Abbott – Coordinator