

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Spalding County Health Department

November 13, 2013 9:00 AM

Present: Regina Abbott, Stephanie Blokzyl, Grady Caldwell, Janie Clark, Betsy Cox, Ruth Daniel, John Devlin, Will Doss, Jo Ellis, Sharon Grant, Jeannette Greene, Cherrye Hovatter, Alvin Huff, Kay Johnson, Joseph Malochee, Tracy McLean, Julie Moore, Jillian Rafter, Kim Stephens, Joseph Walker, Jewel Walker-Harps, Stephanie Windham, Jerry Easterwood, Linda Cook, Barbara Corbett, Rachel Dunn, Paula Riggie, Debra Sanders, Dr. Marian Watkins, and Dr. Elizabeth Watts-Waren. (30)

Stephanie Windham, chair, called the meeting to order.

Janie Clark moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2013 meeting; seconded by Jo Ellis and unanimously approved.

Director's / Coordinator's Report

Educational Prosperity Initiative has grown in number by 200% with approximately 30 – 40 grassroots members. Twenty grassroots members attended the annual Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta Neighborhood Summit. Approximately 250 people Trick-or-Treated in the Healthy Living Garden with 55 volunteers.

Backpack Food for Kids is currently serving 225 students. This year's goal is 200 students. The greatest number served this year is 239. Spalding Regional Hospital raised \$3,100 during the second annual Scrub Run. Grow Better raised between \$1,200 and \$1,500 at the Griptoberfest.

Presentation

Sharon Grant from the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board's Behavioral Health Center (BHC) presented the program on mental health and services available through BHC. The center provides clinical support through brief solution focused counseling and is located at 1574 Williamson Road, Griffin. Proof of residency, insurance card, and social security card are required. Walk-ins are seen Wednesday 9 am – 12 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; but must be there at 8 am.

Healthy Children Strategy

First Steps – Without Governor's Office for Families and Children funding, the First Steps name will no longer be attached to the Healthy Children strategy focused on family support for families of children 0-5 years. The targeted caseload between October 2013 and June 2014 is 500 families.

Healthy Youth Strategy

No report

Re-entry

Prison Fellowship Ministries – considerable interest from several churches; training for churches to help ex-offenders transition back to the community is planned for January or February; Morehouse grant to assess barriers to health is still pending.

Healthy Community Strategy

Senior Issues – no meeting in December; exploring idea of starting a program for seniors similar to Backpack Food for Kids and taking the lead in coordinating the annual Community Health Fair formerly spearheaded by Community Ministries Hospice; looking forward with planning senior advocacy, senior conference, and senior games for next year; award from Georgia Parks and Recreation at District 4 meeting

Educational Prosperity Initiative – UGA will return on December 5 at 10 a.m. to Kelsey Academy to present the Fairmont redevelopment and design concept options formulated from the charrette completed at the end of October.

Introductions & Announcements

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

Approved, Stephanie Windham – Chair

Respectfully Submitted, Regina Abbott – Coordinator