

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Spalding County Health Department

January 8, 2014 9:00 AM

Present: Regina Abbott, Annetta Berry, Carmen Caldwell, Grady Caldwell, Janie Clark, Toni Doaty, Denise Eady, Jacob Michael English, Jeanette Greene, Debra Griggers, Theo Harris, Letrice Lewis, James Johnston, Michele Mason, Brian Miller, Dianne Pass, Molli Pruitt, Jillian Rafter, Kim Stephens, Joseph Walker, and Georgette Wimbush. (20)

Carmen Caldwell, chair, called the meeting to order followed with prayer by James Johnston and pledge led by Janie Clark.

Janie Clark moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2013 meeting; seconded by James Johnston and unanimously approved.

Director's / Coordinator's Report

Appreciation expressed for Stephanie Windham's service and commitment to the collaborative and community as a whole.

Awards from Agnes B. Hunt are still pending for the grant requests to fund Backpack Food for Kids and Healthy Children at \$5,000 each.

Startup of the Backpack Food for Kids Program (BPFFK) following the Christmas break was delayed due to inclement weather. Vanora O'Dell's contract to oversee the pick-up, packing and delivery for the program ended. She opted not to renew. Volunteers are needed to unload at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and to pack bags on Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Energy assistance was announced to begin taking calls on January 6.

A plea for financial contributions to benefit a child being raised by a grandparent with the family's share of the cost of the Sheriff's school trip to Washington, D.C. continues. The total cost of the trip is \$550. An anonymous donation of \$200 has been made.

Members are asked to review and update their listing on the on-line Resource Directory and to report inaccuracies they may encounter with other listings.

The monthly calendar was updated with a change in the meeting times for Healthy Connection and Senior Issues Committee. Regional Leadership Summit announced for January 30 at UGA Griffin Campus Stuckey Auditorium.

Presentation

Annetta Berry, Regional Community Facilitator for Georgia Family Connection Partnership (GaFCP), presented Improving Outcomes for Children and Families through Collaboration: Types of Collaborative Function. From the feedback during their statewide listening tour, GaFCP reached the conclusion that while the network shares common elements of collaboration (systems change, collaborative development, programs/services/activities, family engagement, results accountability, sustainability, communications) functions vary from county to county. To better accommodate the counties, the GaFCP has defined three different functions outlined below. Each collaborative will be asked to select the function they most identify with during FY2016 planning. Future reporting will better align with the functions.

Partner Engagement

- Connecting partners and community organizations
- Sharing data and other information
- Enhancing communication
- Building capacity
- Responding to Community needs
- Linking people with community resources

Issue or Population Focused Action

- Encouraging and facilitating integrated partner efforts to develop strategies for improving outcomes for high-priority target populations
- Identifying additional partners who can support the strategy
- Helping partnering organizations to
 - Engage families
 - Overcome system barriers affecting outcomes for the target population
 - Develop strategy sustainability plans,

- Evaluate the impact of implemented strategies

Program and Services Coordination

- Coordinating community partners who seek to work together to address high-priority issues,
- Raising community awareness of local issues
- Promoting or providing new programming to fill service gaps

Healthy Children Strategy

Stewards of Children training was provided to almost 200 Griffin Spalding County System staff in January at five schools. Facilitators from Pike, Fayette, and Lamar helped. Healthy Connections is meeting at the WIC office at 11 am on the third Thursday of each month for all moms. The Healthy Children Conference is scheduled for April 17 at the University of Georgia Griffin Campus. Dr. Perry Buffington will be the lunch speaker on the topic of psychopharmacology. Registration is free. Exhibit fee is \$25.

Healthy Youth Strategy

The girls program provided by Dawn Tyus a few months ago was successful. She is now applying for 501(c)3 status to seek funding to start year round programs. Griffin High School is hosting Black Heritage Festival to support the choir's trip to London. A music ministry academy to provide studio time and to learn is being developed. Youth from Eagles Way Church published a coloring book and disseminated it to children throughout the community at Christmas. A young man holding an MBA with a felony on his record has a passion to make known his personal difficulty re-entering society.

Healthy Community Strategy

Senior Issues – Health screenings will be provided at the Seniors Health Fair on March 29 at the Spalding County Senior Center hosted by Brightmoor Hospice, Spalding Regional Hospital and Amadeus.

Re-entry – RTF took part in the development of the Governor's Office of Support and Transition's report coming out later this month that will be presented to the Georgia General Assembly. Prison Fellowship Linking Churches training is scheduled at New Mercy Baptist Church on February 13. Thirteen churches have expressed interest.

Educational Prosperity Initiative – The final report of the Fairmont charrette from Dr. Pratt Cassidy of UGA will be reviewed at the February 6 EPI meeting.

Introductions & Announcements

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is set for February 12, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Spalding County Health Department Training Room.

Approved, Carmen Caldwell – Chair

Respectfully Submitted, Regina Abbott – Coordinator
