

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Spalding County Health Department

March 12, 2014 9:00 AM

Present: Regina Abbott, Jarvis Barnes, Tammy Bradberry, Carmen Caldwell, Grady Caldwell, Doris Christopher, Janie Clark, Betsy Cox, Ruth Daniel, John Devlin, Toni Doaty, Will Doss, Jeanette Greene, Dewey Haley, Anthony Hill, Keisha Johnson, Molli Pruitt, Jillian Rafter, Stephanie Summers, Cynthia Tidwell, Joseph Walker, Jewell Walker-Harps, and Marian Watkins. (23)

Carmen Caldwell, chair, called the meeting to order followed with prayer by Grady Caldwell and pledge led by Jewel Walker-Harps.

Grady Caldwell moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2014 meeting; seconded by Janie Clark and unanimously approved. The February 12 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and business closings.

Director's / Coordinator's Report

Pending County Commission approval, A. D. Smith Community Services will administer the USDA Summer Food Program for Spalding County Parks and Recreation. The number of sites will be increased a minimum of one to include AMBUCS Park and the number of weeks served will increase from 5 to 9 weeks. If logistics can be worked out with the school system, the Backpack Food for Kids participating schools will serve as additional sites. Storage Village is providing the Collaborative a storage unit as an in-kind contribution for a year. Permanent records will be housed there and will store Back to School Block Party book bags. Skipstone Academy is planning the annual camp for youth with diabetes.

\$15,000 Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant application for 18 computers for Fairmont Community Center Adult Education Program. The Fairmont Re-development and Design Concept draft from UGA is currently under review. The Fairmont Neighborhood Watch agreed on name, target area, and heard from law enforcement. Youth development stakeholders assessed existing resources and identified gaps in services and needs.

Presentation

Stephanie Summers, Christian Women's Center (CWC), presented the program. CWC is a 31 year-old faith-based non-profit that offers refuge and safety to women in crisis. They believe such women can be restored to physical, emotional and spiritual well-being through their 12-month extended shelter resident discipleship program – from "homeless to wholeness." Services are free in response to the generous and faithful support of churches, businesses and the community and three major fund raising projects each year.

Healthy Children Strategy

300 of 500 parent resource packets issued; Stewards of Children training for mentors on March 18; April 4 is Wear Blue for child abuse and neglect awareness; Healthy Children Conference at UGA Griffin April 17, free registration, Dr. Perry Buffington to speak on medications and children, presenters include Ferst Foundation, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Public Health, etc.; recruiting sponsors, exhibitors, and volunteers; next HCST meeting scheduled at UGA Griffin March 20 at noon; Griffin Housing Authority providing transportation for residents. Pinwheels for Prevention representing the number of confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in Spalding scheduled for March 31 at corner of 6th and Taylor Streets and at elementary schools

Healthy Youth Strategy

No report.

Healthy Community Strategy

Senior Issues – Looking for ways to help offset 5% cut in Meals on Wheels funding. Working on April conference. Seniors Health Fair on March 29 at the Spalding County Senior Center hosted by Brightmoor Hospice, Spalding Regional Hospital and Amadeus will provide health screenings.

Re-entry – Prison Fellowship Linking Churches training is scheduled at New Mercy Baptist Church on February 13 was rescheduled to March 13 due to inclement weather.

Educational Prosperity Initiative – Excellent meeting attendance; summer, after school and school break programs at Fairmont, AMBUCS and City Parks proposed by Good Samaritans Community Development Group; garden is in bloom (turnips, spinach, broccoli, cabbage); need volunteers on Arbor Day to plant 12 fruit trees donated by City; Stream Clean-up on April 12, volunteers meet in Kelsey parking lot.

Introductions & Announcements

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

Approved, Carmen Caldwell – Chair

Respectfully Submitted, Regina Abbott – Coordinator