

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Spalding County Health Department

April 9, 2014 9:00 AM

Present: Unavailable

Carmen Caldwell, chair, called the meeting to order followed with prayer and pledge.

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

County approved MOU with A. D. Smith Community Services to administer the 2014 USDA Summer Food Program for Spalding County Parks and Recreation. The number of sites will be increased including AMBUCS Park and four sites for students attending schools served by the Backpack Food for Kids Program.

Griffin Police Department has agreed to provide crime statistics to support the Fairmont E-Neighborhood Watch program organized by the Resident Council and partially funded by the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta Neighborhood Funded.

Presentation

Erika Hill, Partnership for Southern Equity (PSE), presented the Metro Atlanta Equity Atlas (MAEA). Unfortunately, Ms. Hill was unable to demonstrate the on-line mapping due to technical difficulties on our end. PSE believes that equity is the superior growth model for our region as it undergoes rapid and profound changes. When residents of communities have access to the highest standards of housing, jobs, education, workforce training, and healthy and safe environments, this nation's promise of opportunity begins to ring true. The goal of the MAEA is to illuminate how regional prosperity and growth can be unlocked when communities have equitable access to a range of highly interconnected resources. A thriving and equitable community has eight characteristics:

1. A diverse population in whose strength success will come from nurturing and tapping the potential of all youth, working adults, and elderly
2. Safe, decent and affordable housing options including renting, owning and mixed-income communities of opportunity
3. Access to a job with sustainable living wage, career advancement and personal satisfaction; access to opportunity fosters talent, innovation, entrepreneurship and job creation
4. Quality educational opportunities at every level to prepare people for their chosen field of work and enable them to be productive contributors to a more globally competitive region.
5. Access to healthy food, recreation and green space, and health care services within a reasonable distance
6. Diverse transportation options that link people to their chosen educational, work and recreational opportunities, at an affordable price, and within a reasonable distance of home
7. Clean air, green space and water and expect not to live within dangerous proximity of waste or harmful materials
8. Safe at home as well as the broader community; justice should be administered fairly and justly when laws are broken; incarcerated individuals receive supportive services that enable them to become more productive contributors of society

For more information, visit www.atlantaequityatlas.com.

Healthy Children Strategy

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. Pinwheels for Prevention were placed at the corner of 6th and Taylor Streets and at elementary schools on March 31.

Healthy Youth Strategy

No report.

Healthy Community Strategy

Senior Issues –Seniors Health Fair on April 12 at the Spalding County Senior Center hosted by Brightmoor Hospice, Spalding Regional Hospital and Amadeus will provide health screenings.

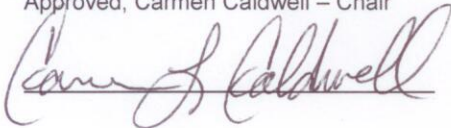
Re-entry – Prison Fellowship Linking Churches training conducted at New Mercy Baptist Church on March 13. Task Force will meet April 22 at 2 pm to review the recently released solicitation for proposals from Department of Justice Second Chance Act.

Educational Prosperity Initiative – John Cruickshank scheduled to present the Fairmont History at the May 1 EPI meeting. Zero Robotics summer program applied for rising middle schoolers at Fairmont Homes.

Introductions & Announcements

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is set for May 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Spalding County Health Department Training Room.

Approved, Carmen Caldwell – Chair



Respectfully Submitted, Regina Abbott – Coordinator

