

# Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children

## Executive Committee Meeting

Eagles Way Church

April 15, 2014

**Present:** Carmen Caldwell, Donna Parks, and Jewel Walker-Harps; Joseph Walker and Regina Abbott

**Call to Order:** Carmen Caldwell, no official business conducted due to lack of quorum

**Minutes:** Deferred for lack of quorum

**Financial Report:** Deferred for lack of quorum; \$18,000 Griffin Housing Authority for 2013-2014 mentoring program, \$5,000 from Agnes Hunt Fund for Children's Charities / Backpack Food for Kids Program and \$5,000 from Agnes Hunt Fund for Healthy Children LBW prevention.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

Healthy Youth Strategy – Committee consists of Regina Abbott, Joseph Walker, Will Doss, Brian Miller, Kelly Leger, Lt. Josh Hinson, Carmen Caldwell, and Kendra Woodard.

Senior Issues – Working on a food drive for seniors receiving services through the Council on Aging; canned goods will be distributed to Meals on Wheels recipients for weekends when no food is delivered.

Healthy Children Strategy – Over 170 have registered for the Healthy Children Conference scheduled for April 17, 2014 at UGA Griffin Campus.

Re-entry Task Force – The Second Chance Act Demonstration Grant has been released by the Department of Justice. This funding will only be sought if we can sub-contract with People Helping People United to implement.

USDA Nutrition Programs – Laura Yeomans, GSCS Nutrition Director, is looking at year-round feeding options that the system might provide or partner with another provider. She will check with system officials the possibility of using the BPFCK schools as feeding sites. Carmen Caldwell will check with Second Baptist Church about serving as a feeding site in lieu of Moore since those children will be served at Fairmont Community Center and there is no known site for children attending Orrs in the area around Experiment. Donna Parks will try to arrange a time for Dr. Curtis Jones to visit the Food Pantry when volunteers are on site preparing the weekly BPFCK bags.

No Kid Hungry: Consequences of Hunger in Schools is scheduled for May 20 at UGA Student Learning Center with a continental breakfast followed by a presentation to inform and inspire principals, Partners in Education, and churches about the impact of food insecurity on community economics.

### **Coordinator's Report:**

IRS Form 990 pending Schedule A-contributors and Page 2 Part III is due May 15

Received Notification that the Strengthening Communities Fund Grant 90SI0002 Award Federal reporting has been reconciled and no further action is successfully closed.

Seven mentors trained and eight more registered for training today at the GSCS Central Office in Stewards of Children and funded by PCA-S funds. Twenty-one GSCS staff members are registered for training today at Moore. Two more schools, Orrs and Cowan Road Elementary Schools, will be trained this fiscal year. To date, 382 Spalding County adults have been trained. The tipping point is 2,393 by July 1, 2018.

Executed MOU with The Council on Alcohol and Drugs to work with Pike and Henry Counties on the CPAW to formulate objectives and activities for reaching locally identified goals in compliance with the goals and policies of the Alcohol Prevention Project (APP) as stated by the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, (DBHDD) Division of Addictive Diseases, Office of Prevention Services and Programs and its APP Contractor, the Council on Alcohol and Drugs. TCAD convenes the CPAW, oversees the daily operation of the CPAW's activities, assists in the creation and follow an API strategic plan, implementation plan, and evaluation plan within the requirements of its

funding source. Spalding Collaborative attends a minimum of one meeting per month and participates in the planning and operation workgroup.

Spalding Collaborative selected as one of five sites statewide to participate in MIT's 2014 Zero Robotics Program through the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network. The program will be provided to 10-20 middle schoolers at Fairmont Homes in the on-site computer lab. Dispositions of March of Dimes grant in the amount of \$3,000 for MOD Literature for Healthy Children and Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant in the amount of \$15,000 for computers for Fairmont GED Program are pending.

Griffin Housing Authority is working on the Tax Credit Application for Phase II of Meriwether. Jeff Jordan and another UGA researcher are studying the impact of redevelopment of Meriwether Homes and the relocation of residents.

**Educational Prosperity Initiative (EPI):**

Molli Pruitt presented an outstanding program on the Healthy Children Strategy and Low Birthweight Prevention Initiative resulting in good media coverage for the EPI meeting and the Healthy Children Conference. The Healthy Living Community Garden is booming beyond expectation. Individual and group spring planting is coming up. Another part-time person is needed to help at the garden. Jewel Walker-Harps will reach out to Hopewell Boys Mentoring and Carmen will check with the Youth Advisory Council about assisting in the garden. Restroom facilities are needed at the garden. Recommendations and drawings from UGA for a more direct foot path from Fairmont Homes to the garden are forthcoming. Kids in Action Afterschool Program at Moore Elementary is operating at full capacity. Good Samaritans Community Development will provide summer camp, afterschool and school break activities at Fairmont Community Center. The Resident Council has formed an E-neighborhood Watch for Fairmont neighborhood. The Police Department is providing crime statistics for evaluation. The GSCS College Prep and Career Academy team made site visits in Dalton and Rome. Work is ready to begin on the charter school application. A Spring Fling is planned for children in the garden on April 23. A Father's Day event is being planned at Fairmont on June 7. With Alvin Huff's assistance, media coverage has increased. John Cruickshank, UGA Griffin Campus librarian, will present the history of Fairmont at the May 1 EPI meeting.

**Old Business:**

Board of Health Chair Merrilea Reeves is presenting on obesity at May meeting of Spalding Collaborative.

**New Business:**

Donna Parks will mentor Lt. Michael Richards. Carmen Caldwell will mentor the county commissioner. Ms. Caldwell will make the remaining mentor assignments.

Marty Mayes is the current Youth Advisory Council (YAC) President and youth representative to the Board. YAC carwash fundraiser is planned for April 26 at Advance Auto Parts at Hwy 19/41 to raise funds for six youth to attend GUIDE's Teen Institute in June at a cost of \$385 per person. Brian Miller and Carmen Caldwell will attend as adult advisors.

Georgette Wimbush has resigned from the board of directors since accepting a career position in Columbus.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for May 15.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted:



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Approved:



Carmen Caldwell, Chair  
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