

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Spalding County Health Department

October 8, 2014 9:00 AM

Present: Regina Abbott, Stephanie Blokzyl, Tammy Bradberry, Carmen Caldwell, Janie Clark, Ruth Daniel, John Devlin, Denise Eady, Phyllis Easton-Barkley, Shelia Hall, Jerome Garland, Theo Harris, Sharon Harvey, Lt. Josh Hinson, Kay Johnson, James Johnston, Jessica Layfield, Tracy McLean, Diane Pass, Jillian Rafter, Lorna Reed, Jewel Walker-Harps, Dr. Marian Watkins, and Kiera Winfrey. (24)

Meeting was called to order by Chair Carmen Caldwell followed by prayer given by Denise Eady and pledge led by Lt. Josh Hinson.

Motion was made by James Johnston and seconded by John Devlin to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting; unanimously approved.

Director's / Coordinator's Report

Family Connection Vitality Survey link will be emailed and paper copies will be available at the November meeting. A minimum of ten completed surveys are required from each county. The \$700,000 DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance did not fund our proposal. GA Center for Child Advocacy funded Stewards of Children training slots for Griffin-Spalding County Schools (250 slots) and Spalding Department of Family and Children Services (20) as well as facilitator training for two GSCS staff members. The 3rd Annual 5K Scrub Run hosted by Spalding Regional Hospital was a success. The Mid-GA Doc Holliday Festival de-briefing is scheduled for next week. Eggs and Issues scheduled Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 am at Southern Crescent Technical College.

Presentation

Gordon State College Associate Professor Dr. Melinda Hawley and Intern Mary Browning presented on Weekend College, an accelerated degree for adult learners to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in human services. Adult learners are at least 25 years old and at least five years out of high school. Students attend class only once per month at the McDonough campus. The first cohort begins in Spring of 2015. For more information, visit <http://www2.gordonstate.edu/humanservices/weekend-college>.

Healthy Children Strategy

The 3rd Annual 5K Scrub Run sponsored by Spalding Regional Hospital to benefit the Backpack Food for Kids Program was a huge success.

Healthy Youth Strategy

The Youth Advisory Council is planning an underage drinking prevention conference at UGA on November 15.

Healthy Community Strategy

Senior Issues – The 7th Senior Conference was the best yet with more than 70 in attendance including vendors and speakers. The committee is now planning a workshop on fraud for March.

Re-entry Task Force – Reviewer comments from DOJ BAJ Reentry grant application indicated "the applicant describes a proposal that is likely to succeed." RTF will meet 2 pm Tuesday, October 21 at UGA.

Educational Prosperity Initiative – Fairmont Redevelopment and Roswenwald report presented and USDA Summer Youth Feeding Program volunteers were honored at October EPI meeting. Volunteers needed for Trick or Treat in the Garden October 31; Ferst Foundation has committed to give books at the event. Spalding County is working with the City of Griffin to schedule use of their bucket trucks to protect the Fairmont gym from further damage.

Introductions & Announcements

Life Chain silent prayer vigil on October 5 from 2:30-3:30 pm in the Chick-Fil-A parking lot. Paxen Learning provides GED training/testing and a summer youth work program for 15-21 year olds. Bake/craft sale at Brightmoor on October 24 to benefit Santa Workshop Assisted Living and Hospice; open house at Brightmoor Hospice on October 19. Mentor training scheduled from noon until 2 pm today. Caring House announced fund raiser at Oak Hill Baptist on October 23 from 6-9 pm; speaker is Arch Bishop of Atlanta.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is set for November 6, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Spalding County Health Department Training Room.

Approved, Carmen Caldwell – Chair



Respectfully Submitted, Regina Abbott – Coordinator

