

# Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children

## Executive Committee Meeting

Eagles Way Church

October 16, 2014

**Present:** Carmen Caldwell, Donna Parks, John Quinn, Cynthia Tidwell, Stephanie Windham, and Jewel Walker-Harps; Joseph Walker and Regina Abbott

**Call to Order:** Carmen Caldwell

**Minutes:** Motion by John Quinn to approve September 3, 2014 minutes as corrected ("Walker-Parks" to "Walker-Harps"); second by Stephanie Windham; unanimous vote.

**Financial Report:** Motion to approve financial reports through September 30, 2014 by Stephanie Windham; seconded by John Quinn; unanimous vote.

**Vitality Survey** completed by members.

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

Senior Issues Conference at Senior Center on October 23 with over 100 in attendance and twelve vendors. The three presenters were well received. Senior Issues is now working on a mini-conference in March 2015 to address fraud affecting seniors. The DOJ Re-entry Technical Assistance grant was withdrawn due to the fact that the State of Georgia is not using a nationally recognized assessment tool. Backpack Food for Kids received \$2,000 from Mt. Zion Baptist Church, a verbal commitment of \$5,000 from First Baptist Church. The Caterpillar Foundation grant will not be awarded until February with the expectation of the same level funding. Pending meeting with the principal, Beaverbrook will be added to the program. Spalding Regional Hospital's 5K Scrub Run raised a considerable amount for the program. Spalding County was not selected to be a pilot county for the Early Educational Empowerment Zones in the State. Four zones consisting of Clark County, Bibb County, a cluster of north Georgia counties and a cluster of south Georgia counties, each representing about 10,000 children under the age of five. The Doc Holliday Festival on September 26-27 was considered a success with 1,500 people attending. There was \$700 left in the account to help fund next year's event. Spalding Collaborative will receive \$300 for Children's Charities.

### **Educational Prosperity:**

Bob Dull presented the Fairmont redevelopment report at the monthly meeting. A special recognition planned for Summer Food Program volunteers. Trick or Treat in the Garden is planned for October 31 from 4-6 pm. The County has ordered a larger, more durable tarp to cover the entire gym to protect it from further damage.

### **Old Business:**


The last collaborative needs assessment will be sent to Cynthia Tidwell for consideration of the community needs assessment the Spalding Board of Health is undertaking in preparation of National Public Health Accreditation. District 4 Health Services has hired an Accreditation Coordinator, Dawn Walker, to facilitate the process. She will convene Spalding's team in the near future. She will present at the March collaborative meeting.

John Quinn made a motion second by Cynthia Tidwell to select Partner Engagement as the collaborative function type for Georgia Family Connection Partnership. Unanimous vote. This type is focused primarily on connecting partners and community organizations; sharing data and other information; enhancing communication; building capacity, responding to community needs; and linking people with community resources. Future planning guidance and reporting will be dictated by the function type selected.

Beginning with the January collaborative meeting, members will work in groups around one of the three strategies 1) healthy children, 2) healthy youth, and 3) health community once a quarter for the purpose of better engaging members in the work of the collaborative and to identify new opportunities for sharing resources to effect positive change.

The next Executive Committee meeting is December 18 at 8:30 am at Eagles Way Church. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted:

  
Regina Abbott, Spalding County Collaborative Authority Coordinator

Approved:

  
Carmen Caldwell, Spalding County Collaborative Authority Chair