

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Spalding County Health Department

November 12, 2014 9:00 AM

Present: Regina Abbott, Carleena Brown, Carmen Caldwell, Grady Caldwell, Kathleen Caldwell, Doris Christopher, Janie Clark, Ruth Daniel, John Devlin, Anissa Freeman, Shelia Hall, Cherry Hovatter, Lt. Josh Hinson, Kay Johnson, James Johnston, Jessica Layfield, Sherry Maddock, Ebony McGriff, Tracy McLean, Carmen Pagano, Diane Pass, Jillian Rafter, Lorna Reed, Kim Stephens, Joseph Walker, Jewel Walker-Harps, and Dr. Marian Watkins. (27)

Meeting was called to order by Chair Carmen Caldwell followed by prayer and pledge.

Motion was made by James Johnston and seconded by Jewel Walker-Harps to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting; unanimously approved.

Chairman's Announcement

Strategy team breakouts, in lieu of a formal presentation, during the collaborative meeting once a quarter will begin with the January 2015 meeting for the purpose of better engaging collaborative members. Feedback from members included:

- Opportunity to set goals and see outcomes
- Opportunity for deeper connection and collaboration by discovering ways to better work together
- Opportunity to collaborate on grants as well as learning about and access to eligible grants
- Opportunity to invite others to the table

Director's / Coordinator's Report

Family Connection Vitality Survey disseminated. Team working on application for HUD Promise Zone Designation. Beaverbrook Elementary added to Backpack Food for Kids; currently serving 230-240 kids per week. Anne Street Elementary Angel Tree has about 100 children in need for Christmas. Shoes for Griffin, an initiative by Fields Foot Clinic and Eagles Way Church in collaboration with the School System and Collaborative, is soliciting donations of shoes or funds to give each of the students receiving Backpack Food a pair of athletic shoes with the last distribution prior to Christmas break; check www.spaldingcollaborative.com or contact Will Doss or Joseph Walker for more information.

Presentation

Griffin Salvation Army Lt. Josh Hinson presented an overview of their various offerings specific to local need. The role is to oversee operations in Lamar, Pike, Upson, and Spalding. Social services are provided through the front office including, but not limited to, food, clothing and furniture (vouchers to family store), and referrals to other organizations. The Community Center for Boys and Girls (formerly Boys and Girls Club), licensed by Georgia Bright from the Start, operates 3-7pm Monday through Friday with one hour of tutoring, programs and recreation. On Wednesday, cadets teach character, dance, arts and crafts. They have an on-site Boy Scouts program. Most of the 45 afterschool students come from Anne Street Elementary; all, except three, are scholarshipped by someone in this community. One individual has committed to scholarship 15 kids for three years. Camp Grandview provides a full week at summer camp and is supported through donations. Senior citizens have lunch, fellowship and Bible study on Tuesdays. House of Hope, located on 13th Street, provides temporary emergency overnight shelter for individuals and families for a maximum of seven nights provided the individual(s) pass the drug screening. T-shirts for Turkeys brought in 167 turkeys yesterday, the first day of the two-day event in partnership with Chick-Fil-A and 93.3 Joy FM. The Christmas season will bring the need for volunteers to ring the bell for kettle donations, stuff stockings, and pack food boxes. The Angel Tree has a goal of 450 families. Many who have been helped have returned to serve.

Healthy Children Strategy

The next meeting, December 4 at 11:30, will be held in the training room of the Health Department with finger foods and an opportunity following the meeting to stuff parent resource bags. The Health Children Conference is tentative scheduled for April 16 at UGA; need volunteers, sponsors and presenters. Mentor orientation is scheduled at noon today.

Healthy Youth Strategy

The 70 over 30 Breakout Conference on underage drinking prevention and hosted by the Youth Advisory Council is at UGA Griffin Campus on Saturday, November 15 from 4-8pm in the Stuckey Auditorium; theme is 70% of all high schoolers think it is not cool to drink alcohol; for more information contact Carmen Caldwell at 770-584-6318..

Healthy Community Strategy

Senior Issues –Planning continues for the fraud workshop in March.

Re-entry Task Force – Churches have completed the last phase of the Bridge Church training

Educational Prosperity Initiative – Tremendous response from Lt. Hinson's presentation to EPI last week; The cast of Africa Umoja in partnership with the City of Griffin is providing a free African Dance Class and Live Preview

Performance of their upcoming Atlanta performance at UGA Griffin Campus Stuckey Auditorium on Sunday, November 23; the Police Department is holding a neighborhood meeting on November 17 to enlighten residents on services available through PD; Junior Master Gardener Program is partnering with Moore Elementary's afterschool program; first-time guest who is providing mentoring and other youth development activities in the former Spalding Heights was at the meeting offered to engage with EPI.

Introductions & Announcements

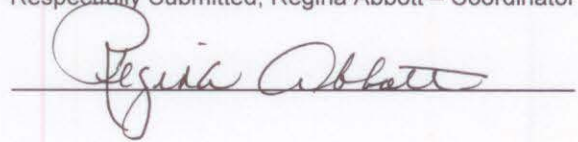
Paxen Learning has two job opportunities available paying \$18 per hour; one located in Griffin and one in Newnan; as well as the need for a volunteer to file (prefer senior citizen). Council on Aging holding an open house with catering provided by high school culinary arts students; currently no wait on congregate meals, but maintaining wait list for home delivered meals. Criminal Justice Day at UGA Griffin Campus on November 4; Tailgate Party at UGA on November 15 at 6:30pm; Georgia Military College holding townhall meeting at UGA Griffin Campus on November 18 from 9:30-11:30am to explore the feasibility of locating a future site in Griffin. Destination Graduation, a Rotary Program, launched with approximately 1,000 9th graders who pledged and were pinned to graduate in 2019. Festival of Lights is planned for the 25th with 4-H concessions. Griffin Area Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority presenting College 101 and Beyond Workshop on November 15 from 9am-12pm at Stuckey Conference Center on UGA Griffin Campus; online pre-registration on Griffin Area Alumnae Chapter Facebook Page and on-site registration begins at 8:30am. The workshop is free and lunch will be provided; topics include the Admission Process, Financial Aid, Options for Majors, Learning Styles, Essay Writing, Study Skills and Work Ethics, Internships, and Understanding the HOPE Scholarship; contact griffin_area_alumnae@yahoo.com for more information.

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

Approved, Carmen Caldwell – Chair

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Respectfully Submitted, Regina Abbott – Coordinator

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