

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children
Board Meeting
November 18, 2014
12:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Stephanie Windham, Immediate Past-Chair

Present: Stephanie Blokzyl, David Clevenger, Ruth Daniel, Will Doss, Phyllis Easton-Barkley, Doug Hollberg, Mike Hubbard, Yvonne Langford, Irma Lewis, Judge Ben Miller, Donna Parks, Jewel Walker-Harps, and Stephanie Windham. (13) Staff: Regina Abbott and Joseph Walker.

Absent: Carmen Caldwell, Robert Dull, Rita Johnson, Marty Mayes, John Quinn, Eula Redding, Lt. Mike Richardson, Cynthia Tidwell, and Rep. John Yates.

Minutes: Motion by Phyllis Easton-Barkley, second by David Clevenger, unanimous vote to approve the September 16, 2014 Board minutes; to accept the September 3, 2014 Executive Committee minutes; and, to accept the September 10 and October 8, 2014 Collaborative minutes.

Financial Report: Motion by David Clevenger, second by Phyllis Easton-Barkley to accept the financial report ending October 31.

Progress Report: Attached

Administrative Update: The FY2015 Family Connections Vitality Survey is due at the end of the month. Last month, the Executive Committee identified the self-designated function of the Spalding Collaborative as Partner Engagement which includes: (1) Connecting partners and community organizations, (2) Sharing data and other information, (3) Enhancing communication, (4) Building capacity, (5) Responding to community needs, and (6) Linking people with community resources.

Working with Spalding County Board of Health to complete community needs assessment using MAPP model for National Public Health Accreditation. Have placed several previously completed assessments in dropbox for easy access for stakeholders. Partnering with Chamber of Commerce for Annual Eggs & Issues on December 4 at Southern Crescent Technical College.

Grants update: Awarded - March of Dimes for educational literature \$150 of \$3,000 request. Pending - Caterpillar Foundation for Backpack Food for Kids in the amount of \$12,750. Declined - Department of Justice Re-entry Implementation \$700,000. Other funding donations - \$5,000 from 1st Baptist Church, \$6,507 from Spalding Regional Hospital Scrub Run, and \$1,219 from First Presbyterian for Backpack Food for Kids. School System awarded in-kind contributions valued at \$5,125 to train two staff members as SOC facilitators and 250 training manuals for staff.

Governance Strategic Plan: Reviewed; on target. The inaugural Mid-GA Doc Holliday Festival basically broke even with about 2,500 attending and 25 professional bar-b-q teams participating. Spalding Collaborative received \$300 from the festival proceeds for children's charities. Jewel Walker-Harps made a motion seconded by Yvonne Lunsford to partner with Main Street, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development and Eagles Way Church to co-host the 2015 event by committing to raise \$3,000 in sponsorships by Collaborative board members. The motion carried with Judge Ben Miller abstaining. Each board member, except Judge Miller, will get sponsors in the amount of \$250 each. The item will be placed on each board agenda as a reminder.

New Business: Working on application for HUD Promise Zone Designation due November 21. Partners for a Prosperous Griffin-Spalding County met last week and reached consensus to pursue the HUD Promise Zone Designation. The application is due November 21. The Collaborative shall be the applying entity. City and County have agreed to serve as the Units of General Local Government. While the Designation does not come with a monetary award, it comes with many benefits such as tax credits, preferential consideration for federal funding, technical assistance and other resources.

Motion by Cynthia Tidwell and seconded by John Quinn to adopt the FY2015 Governance Strategic Plan with the addition of the signature event and the marketing component. Unanimous vote

Next Board meeting: March 17, 2015 at Spalding Regional Hospital at noon.

Motion to adjourn: Will Doss

Approved: Cynthia R. Tidwell
Cynthia Tidwell – Chair

Respectfully Submitted: Regina Abbott
Regina Abbott – Coordinator