

# Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children

## Executive Committee Meeting

Eagles Way Church

December 18, 2014

**Present:** Carmen Caldwell, Donna Parks, Cynthia Tidwell, and Stephanie Windham; Joseph Walker and Regina Abbott

**Call to Order:** Carmen Caldwell

**Minutes:** Motion by Stephanie Windham to approve October 16, 2014 minutes; second by Cynthia Tidwell; unanimous vote.

**Financial Report:** Motion to approve financial reports through November 30, 2014 by Stephanie Windham; seconded by Donna Parks; unanimous vote.

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

Eagle's Way Church raised \$500 during Doc Holliday Festival and donated that amount to Back to School Bash. Senior Issues is planning a mini-conference to address fraud issues affecting seniors. The conference will be at the Senior Center I March 2015. Healthy Children Strategy Team planning April 2, 2015 Health Children Conference at UGA using same format as previous conference. Southern Crescent's Nursing Program has already committed to cancelling classes so the students can attend. Backpack Food for Kids is currently serving 239 students at 5 elementary schools. The Christmas Shoe Project, a joint project between Eagles Way Church and Dr. Jerry Roberts of Field Foot and Ankle Clinic, was completed with all the children receiving a new pair of shoes. The Educational Prosperity Initiative did not meet in December in favor of attending Eggs and Issues. The next EPI meeting is in February. Two school system staff, Robin Shepherd/school psychologist and Cameta Wilder/school social worker completed Stewards of Children facilitator training in November; 9 schools (Beaverbrook, Moreland Road, Crescent, Futral Road Elementary, Griffin High and Cowan Middle) scheduled for training on January 5; Spalding High is tentatively scheduled for February 13. Making Griffin Better Together inaugural conference took place on November 8 with Ed Jennings from HUD Southeastern Region; two invoices submitted and paid; report requested twice with no response; will follow-up. Eggs and Issues had a fair turnout; Jewel Walker-Harps, Theo Harris, Joseph Walker and Regina Abbott represented collaborative; legislators in attendance included Representative David Knight and John Yates, out-going Senator Ronnie Chance and in-coming Senator Marty Harbin. First Baptist Church donated \$5,000 to Backpack Food for Kids; March of Dimes grant \$150 for Healthy Children literature (video to play in waiting room at health department); pending: Caterpillar Foundation (\$12,750) and Agnes B. Hunt (\$5,000 BPFFK and \$5,000 Healthy Children). HUD Promise Zone Designation deferred to later date; key stakeholders unable to produce up with community and/or development plans before deadline.

### **Old Business:**

Cynthia Tidwell provided an update on the year-long community needs assessment, which is needed to support the Board of Health's application for National Public Health Accreditation; Joseph Walker, Bob Dull, Jewel Walker-Harps, Regina Abbott, Carmen Caldwell have been invited to serve on the steering committee, which met in November; next meeting is January 8.

### **New Business:**

Regina Abbott participated in coordinator training on the new annual work plan guidelines at the December Family Connection Peer-to-Peer Network; plans will be developed based on the function type selected by each collaborative; Spalding selected Partner Engagement. Annetta Berry, Region 4 Community Specialist, is available to facilitate planning with collaborative members in January if the meeting can be extended (two hours).

The next Executive Committee meeting is January 15 at 8:30 am at Eagles Way Church. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted:



Regina Abbott, Spalding Collaborative Authority Coordinator

Approved:



Cynthia Tidwell, Spalding Collaborative Authority Chair