

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children

Executive Committee Meeting

Eagles Way Church

January 15, 2015

Present: Carmen Caldwell, Donna Parks, Cynthia Tidwell, Jewel Walker-Harps, Bob Dull, and Will Doss; Joseph Walker and Regina Abbott

Call to Order: Cynthia Tidwell

Minutes: Motion by Carmen Caldwell to approve December 18, 2014 minutes; second by Donna Parks; unanimous vote.

Financial Report: Motion to approve financial reports through December 31, 2014 by Jewel Walker-Harps; seconded by Bob Dull; unanimous vote.

Executive Director's / Coordinator's Report: Due to the holidays and a slowdown in committee activities, there was no formal Executive Director's report. However, the Backpack Food for Kids Committee met and discussed expanding the committee. The current members include Bonnie Pfrogner/Chamber of Commerce, Carl Pruitt/BEAR FM Radio, Doris Christopher/UGA, Russell/First Assembly of God Church, and Donna Parks/School System. They are looking toward self-governance and extensive major fundraising for sustainability. Currently, BPFK is administratively attached to the Spalding Collaborative and the Committee handles operations. Joseph plans to schedule a photo op with Dr. Jerry Roberts, Fields Foot Clinic. Famous Footwear furnished bags, but Dr. Roberts' staff purchased nice athletic shoes off sales racks at an average cost of \$15 per pair for 236 students over a four week period. Donna Parks reported the effort was well-received and much needed. Dr. Roberts and Eagles Way Church plan to repeat the shoe drive again next.

Family Connection (FC) Regional Community Support Specialist Annetta Berry reviewed the FC Collaborative Responsibilities with members at the January extended (two-hours) collaborative meeting and facilitated planning among the three strategy teams for the 2016 annual plan due March 31. The FY2016 Fiscal Agent Designation and W-4 will be delivered to Ryan McLemore today for execution prior to the February 15 deadline. The 2014 Immigration Report was submitted to Georgia Department of Audits on December 30. The second quarter Family Connection Report has been submitted.

Two school system staff completed Stewards of Children Facilitator training funded by Georgia Center for Child Advocacy (GCCA). Seven schools (Beaverbrook, Crescent, Futral Road, Rehobeth Road Middle, Moreland Road, Carver Road Elementary and Carver Road Middle Schools) and 264 school system staff were trained on January 5. Three schools (Cowan Road Middle, Griffin High and Spalding High Schools) are scheduled for February 13. Make-up training will be scheduled during post-planning (June 1-3), if needed. Molli Pruitt is seeking funding from GCCA to train additional Department of Family and Children Services staff.

Ed Jennings, HUD Southeastern Region, was the keynote speaker for the Making Griffin Better Together Conference on November 8. Two invoices received for food and marketing have been paid. Three requests made for report. There is a meeting scheduled for January 27 to begin planning for the next conference.

Eggs and Issues had a fair turnout. The Collaborative was represented by Jewel Walker-Harps, Stephanie Windham, Theo Harris, Joseph Walker and Regina Abbott. Legislators in attendance included Representative David Knight and John Yates, out-going Senator Ronnie Chance and in-coming Senator Marty Harbin.

New or re-appointments to the board include:

- City appointments
 - Cynthia Reid-Ward, Commissioner
 - Eula Redding, Consumer of Family Services at Large
 - Morris Pike, Law Enforcement
- County appointments
 - Bart Miller, Commissioner
 - Irma Lewis, Law Enforcement

Old Business:

Cynthia Tidwell announced on-site surveys for the community needs assessment will be collected at the Kiwanis Pancake Day in February and at the Community Health Fair in March.

New Business:

The in-kind contract with Storage Village expires February 28. The business was recently sold. Will Doss will call Otis Blake to see if he will contribute in-kind storage space.

Jewell Walker-Harps, Bob Dull and Regina Abbott met with Griffin and Athens UGA staff and faculty to discuss plans to document the history of the Fairmont neighborhood, an African American community, through oral interviews. The process is highly technical and requires special equipment to achieve the quality of product that will be housed in their archives.

Will Doss asked for ten minutes on the next agenda to discuss "Toxic Charity: When Helping Hurts."

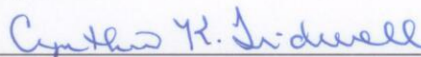
The next Executive Committee meeting is February 19 at 8:30 am at Eagles Way Church. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted:



Regina Abbott, Spalding Collaborative Authority Coordinator

Approved:



Cynthia Tidwell, Spalding Collaborative Authority Chair