

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Spalding County Health Department

April 8, 2015 9:00 AM

Present: Deborah Britt, Carmen Caldwell, Grady Caldwell, Patricia Cameron, Janie Clark, Glynn Daniels, Anissa Freeman, Shelia Hall, Pam Hammond, Anthony Hill, Cherry Hovatter, Kay Johnson, James Johnston, Sherry Maddock, David Marlow, Von Meador, Jillian Rafter, Eula Redding, Brenda Shaw, Kim Stephens, Glorine Thurman, Cynthia Tidwell, Mamie Tomys, Joseph Walker, Jewel Walker-Harps, Elizabeth Watts Warren, Ramona White. (27)

Meeting was called to order by Chair Cynthia Tidwell followed by prayer and pledge.

A motion was made and seconded by to adopt the minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting. The motion was unanimous.

Carmen Caldwell facilitated the second quarterly strategy team work session with teams reporting out are as follows:

Strategy Team Attributes

- Team has the ability to identify needs to match the appropriate resources and services to move community members toward self-sufficiency and success.
- Team level of impact has been raising awareness thru collaborative partnerships.
- Team has set the standard for assessing and adapting community needs.

Healthy Community Strategy Team

- Transportation
 - Three Rivers Regional Commission
- Mentoring
 - Griffin Spalding County Schools
 - Hopeville Boys
 - Grandparents Raising Grandchildren group
 - Re-entry Task Force
- Counseling
 - McIntosh Trail MHDDAD
 - Brighter Tomorrow
- Life Skills
 - Senior Elder Abuse & Adult Education (GED)
 - Fraud Prevention
 - Healthy Community Garden
- Re-entry Task Force
 - Job skills
 - Housing/Ready to Rent

Healthy Youth Strategy Team

- Identify and address the needs of youth
- Measurable outcomes
- Community based youth development
 - Increase graduation rates
 - Reading levels increased
 - 4 out of 5 homes will have books to read

Healthy Children Strategy Team

- All women giving birth connected to PN care, post birth care, pediatric care.
- LBW has improved.
- Child abuse cases have improved – Knowledge and education of community has improved.
- Decrease in teenage mothers – Promotion of education and resources. Build self-esteem.
- Fathers increase in involvement in children's life.
- Requirements connected to benefits (education, parent involvement, etc.).
- Establish hope – Build on hope by offering choices. Start with self-esteem.
- How to get funding to grow initiatives.
- Treat people as you see them as who you want them to be to encourage positive outcomes

The next meeting is set for May 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Spalding County Health Department Training Room.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Approved, Cynthia K. Tidwell – Chair

Cynthia K. Tidwell

Respectfully Submitted, Regina Abbott – Coordinator

Regina Abbott