

Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Spalding County Health Department

May 13, 2015 9:00 AM

Present: Regina Abbott, Tammy Bradberry, Grady Caldwell, Doris Christopher, Janie Clark, Allie Crawford, Glynn Daniels, Ethan Engelhardt, Phillipia Faust, Galyn Ferguson, Anissa Freeman, Dewey Haley, Shelia Hall, Lt. Josh Hinson, Cherry Hovatter, Kay Johnson, James Johnston, Jessica Layfield, Tracy McLean, David Marlow, Jillian Rafter, Eula Redding, Robyn Redding, Tina Thomas, Cynthia Tidwell, Dawn Walker, Joseph Walker, Jewel Walker-Harps (28)

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

A motion was made by Grady Caldwell and seconded by James Johnston to adopt the minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting. The motion was unanimous.

Presentation

District 4 Public Health Quality Director and Accreditation Coordinator Dawn Walker presented on the national public health accreditation community needs assessment. Ms. Walker explained accreditation is voluntary nationwide except in Ohio. Georgia Department of Public Health is applying. She reviewed Spalding County's health rankings. Spalding County moved up from #141 in 2014 to #135 in 2015 in county health rankings. Spalding was most improved in physical inactivity, access to exercise opportunities, teen births, and high school graduation. District 4 Health Services is applying on behalf of the 12-county health departments in District 4. Once the District is accredited, each health department receives accreditation which may be retained even if the county moves into a different public health district. There are opportunities for counties to partner with District 4 Health Services in the assessment process that could be mutually beneficial to various organizations across the district. The current phase is collecting quality of life surveys. A minimum of 300 surveys are needed for relative statistical significance. Spalding set a goal of 1,000 and has collected 581 thus far. The survey can be accessed through the Quality of Life Surveys Facebook page or picked up from the Spalding County Health Department. The survey link is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Spalding_CHA

Director's / Coordinator's Report

The Backpack Food for Kids Program is at risk of a \$13,000 deficit. Doris Breland has re-joined the Collaborative team to help with News You Can Use e-newsletter, website maintenance, and other administrative services. Emergency Management is convening a meeting at the end of the month to consider on-going readiness for disaster. A listening session is scheduled on June 2 by UGA Archway Partnership at Spalding High School at 9:30 am and 6:30pm. More Than Conquerors, Inc. (MTCI) has another funding opportunity for teen pregnancy prevention in Spalding County and is looking for partners for implementation. MTCI will present at the June Collaborative meeting.

Healthy Children Strategy

Site visit scheduled on May 26 to Albany to observe the Dougherty County Health Department Centering Pregnancy model to prevent low birthweight.

Healthy Youth Strategy

The Back to School Bash committee will be making a report and recommendation to the Executive Committee later in the month. Youth Advisory Council members will be attending the annual Georgia Teen Institute in June.

Healthy Community Strategy

Senior Issues – Planning continues for the next conference.

Re-entry Task Force – no report

Educational Prosperity Initiative – The public health accreditation and needs assessment was presented at the May EPI meeting followed by a brief session with members to complete and disseminate surveys.

Introductions & Announcements

The next meeting is set for June 10, 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



Respectfully Submitted, Regina Abbott – Coordinator

