

Governor's Council for Community Health Partnerships
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2009

Attendance:

Present: Susan Dyess, Jane Irion, Deanna Lessard, Bob Palin, Joe Peters, Bud Tamarkin,

Staff: Erica Whitfield, Susanne Casey and Nancy Evans

Absent: Dr. Fred Alfele, Tara Finnigan, Dr. Yvette LaClaustra, Pat Lord, Jacquie Nicholson, Pierre Rodriguez, Jacqueline Rogers, Linda Roman, Selma Verse, & Marcia Wagshol.

Guest: Faith Martin, Director, Palm Beach County Division of Senior Services

I. Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Joe Peters. Introductions were made.

II. Minutes

Bob Palin moved that the minutes from January 27th be accepted as written. Jane Irion seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Meeting Dates 2009

The annual meeting date has been changed to May 19, 2009 at the JFK Medical Center.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Bud Tamarkin submitted the Program Balances, Auxiliary Account Balances.
- He advised that the Council Fund is now at \$3,170.55. Erica is working with Andy Walker on obtaining an additional \$1500.00 from the dental van transaction that we expect will be deposited in the next few months. Bud asked if the legislature went through, would the ability for the GCCHP to receive money from the health department be affected; but no legal advisor was present to answer. Erica updated the Council Fund regarding a recent donation of \$500.00 to be used for the Annual Meeting. Bud reminded the Council members that deposits in Northern Trust gain more interest than in the Wachovia accounts. The Executive Board recently decided to transfer all funds to Northern Trust as soon as they are able.
- Susan Dyess moved that the Treasurer's Report for January be accepted as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

V. Department of Senior Services Initiative

- Faith Martin, Director of the Palm Beach County Division of Senior Services, presented a proposal that would accomplish two goals:
 - To build and expand partnerships with private and public sectors to improve services to senior citizens in Palm Beach County
 - To help facilitate resources and/or contributions given by donors to enhance and improve the lives of seniors, and to improve and add programs and services.

Ms. Martin assured the council that all of their grant funded programs and services are evaluated and monitored by the Department of Elder Affairs. Any donations will be recorded and the donors will receive a letter of appreciation. The time frame is immediate, and the DOSS staff will meet with a member of the Governor's Council to discuss, plan, and implement programs that would meet vital needs of senior citizens.

Bob Palin expressed an interest in being the liaison with DOSS. He will contact Ms. Martin and they will meet to discuss all relevant issues. A staff member from DOSS will join the Governor's Council, and Mr. Palin will assume the role of mentor to that new member.

Susan Dyess asked for a vote by the Council, but there was not a quorum. It was recommended that the votes be cast by proxy, and it is noted that all the members present at the meeting were in favor of this initiative.

VI. Community Health Initiative (ACHIEVE grant)

- Erica Whitfield presented an overview of the \$75,000.00 grant that the Community Health Division received. The goal is to create a community health board which would build a healthier community by focusing on obesity, diabetes, heart disease, healthy eating, physical activity and prevention of tobacco use. A Coordinator could be eventually hired, but currently there are only enough funds for 4/10ths FTE and more grant funding is needed to pay the salary. The GCCHP must create a subcommittee whose mission would be to create the 10-12 person health board, and bring that board in as a part of the GCCHP. There is a meeting in Atlanta, April 1 & 2, 2009 that Erica and Susan Dyess will attend. They will bring back additional information for the council. Erica will attend the Wellness Council meeting on April 8, 2009 and she will ask them for suggestions for members for the committee. Bud Tamarkin volunteered to work on the subcommittee. Since there was no quorum at this meeting, Erica Whitfield will call for votes on these initiatives. Note: all the members present at the meeting were in favor of this initiative.

VII. Executive Committee Report

By-laws Committee

No report at this time

Resignations

No report at this time.

MOA

No report at this time.

VIII. Committee Reports

1. Nominating Committee

- The 2009-2010 nominating committee presented the following slate of candidates:
 - President: Joe Peters
 - Vice President: Susan Dyess
 - Treasurer: Bud Tamarkin
 - Secretary: Jane Irion was nominated for this position, but asked for time to consider this honor.

The final slate will be sent out to the entire group to review and approve.

Erica Whitfield will contact all current members and confirm their commitment to continue on the Governor's Council for Community Health Partnerships.

2. Annual Meeting Committee

- Deanna Lessard (chair) reported that the JFK medical Center has offered to underwrite the cost of breakfast at the meeting on May 19, 2009. The Committee will meet following the conclusion of the Board meeting. Jean Malecki, MD, MPH, will be the main speaker.
- Jane Irion will check on the cost of printing, and suggested we use "E-Vite" invitations that could be distributed by e-mail.

- There was discussion about the possibility of moving the Annual Meeting to the month of April to avoid the challenges of finding speakers in May.

3. Summer Camp Scholarship Program

- The Lost Tree Foundation donated \$40,000.00.
- There was discussion about generating publicity for this program. Erica has distributed 2 press releases and there is a “Denim Day” fund raiser in schools, where students pay for the privilege to wear blue jeans to school.
- Erica or Deanna will ask Maria Watson for a student/camper to attend the Annual Meeting.

IX. Gleaning

- The scheduled date for the Governor’s Council to go gleaning is now April 4, 2009. It has been canceled, however, Erica is working with Viviane from Cross Ministries to as they look for an alternate location.

X. Dental Van

- Erica has three contracts: the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Patterson Dental Supply, and Armor Mobile Systems. All three were reviewed by the board attorney, Tara Finnigan. She spoke with Armor Mobile about their warranty, and some changes were made. She has made her final opinion on the matter and she does not believe that a liability exists for the GCCHP. However, there is some wording in the warranty that could leave the PBCHD open to incur additional costs. Erica recommended that the GCCHP sign the contracts if the Health Department is ok with the warranty as it stands. The board agreed.
- The current plan calls for having the van in the county after September 2009.

XI. Other Discussion

- Website
 - Susan Dyess and Erica Whitfield are working the on website.
- Pro-bon legal Support
 - Keith Rizzardi and Tara Finnigan are currently providing pro bono legal support for the Governor’s Council. Erica is working with Legal Aid to get Keith Rizzardi approved to provide pro-bono legal support.

XII. Adjournment

Bud Tamarkin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Deanna Lessard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Peters adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Dyess
Secretary

Nancy Evans
Administrative Assistant