

Governor's Council for Community Health Partnerships
Board Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2005

Attendance:

Present: Jacqueline Nicholson, Bob Palin, Judith Kouba, Dr. Kathleen Jett, Pierre Rodriguez, Dr. Delores Turner, Ron Armstrong, Dr. Fred Alfele

Staff Present: Jeanette Hartzell, Walter Pasinski

Absent: Michael Monnette, Dr. Yvette LaClaustra, Anna Cohen, Selma Verse, Jane Irion, Jack Holcomb, Tara Finnigan, Bert Tamarkin, Tenna Wiles, Ethel Ceasar-Lomax

I. Call to Order

President, Jacquie Nicholson called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting were presented by Jacquie. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes (also to be posted on www.gcpartnerships.org), as written. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report (through December 2004) was presented by Jeanette. She commented that, for the first time in the Council's history, the balance figure in the year end CAP account bank statement and the final balance in the Council accounting software program had matched to the penny. This was due to having no outstanding uncleared checks against the bank account at the end of the year. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report, as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jeanette requested Board approval for funding in support of the annual Health Department GET and Volunteer Recognition events for 2005. The Council has supported these functions in past years and funds have been allocated from the "Volunteer Account". She also mentioned the newly proposed Health Department December Holiday event, which may require some nominal level of funding support from the Volunteer account. Pierre made a motion to approve Jeanette's requests for funding which was seconded by Dr. Alfele. The motion was approved unanimously by a quorum vote.

IV. Executive/Planning Committee Meeting Report

Jacquie asked Dr. Turner to summarize the results/decisions made at the planning meeting held on January 11th. Dr. Turner referenced the notes of the discussions at that meeting and explained the role of the newly formed Communications Committee and the proposed Advocacy Committee. In the ensuing discussion, Dr. Jett pointed out that the term 'advocacy' may carry some political implications that may be viewed as incompatible with the Council's non-profit status. She suggested that the name of the proposed committee include terms having to do with "health and wellness promotion" or "health issues education". Pierre agreed that the function of the "advocacy/education" committee needed clarification *vis a vis* its subordinate role to the Council as a whole. He also discussed the need to recognize the capacity and limitations of the Council to support and manage multiple projects. Ron added that the new committee(s) could help in marketing and promoting the Council with community contacts. It was decided that the following members (Tenna Wiles, Dr. Jett, Judi Kouba, Tara Finnigan, and Bud Tamarkin) would be asked to serve on the new committee and that they would select the most appropriate name and determine the specific role for their committee for approval by the Council. Members of the Communications Committee are: Jacquie Nicholson, Pierre Rodriguez, Selma Verse, Jane Irion, Ron Armstrong and Jack Holcomb.

V. Annual Meeting Update

Jeanette advised that the Annual Meeting Planning Committee would convene upon adjournment of the Board of Directors meeting to determine the date, location, guest speaker and other details in arranging for this year's annual Board meeting. Dates under consideration are: May 17th or 24th.

VI. New Board Member Input – For the Nominating Committee

Pierre requested input/suggestions for new members to be considered at the upcoming Nominating Committee meeting for recruitment to join the Council. Dr. Jett announced that she would be rotating off the Board in June and would identify her replacement from the FAU faculty. Jacquie said that she would make contact with the Literacy Coalition in an attempt to identify potential candidates for membership. Dr. Turner added that she had contacts in the local business community whom she could recommend for consideration. Jeanette suggested that the Council would benefit from having integral CPA skills which could be provided by Ron and Marcia Wagshol. They are now available for membership due to removal of a potential conflict of interests, since they are not being paid by the Council for preparing our income taxes this year.

VII. Other Announcements/Discussion

Jacquie discussed local events and participation in the county wide "Step-Up-Florida" physical activity program that is schedule on February 18th/19th. Jacquie will coordinate a one-hour event on that Friday which will be held at Sugar Sand Park, to include a walk with the Step-Up-Florida flag. Palm Beach County plans to kick off its Step up, Palm Beach County! Campaign with by highlighting an elementary school's fitness and wellness program, hosting two special events in Boca Raton and West Palm Beach (Centennial Park) where local officials will be challenged in various physical fitness activities. There will be a bicycling event on Saturday the 19th in which local bicycle clubs will ride the Step Up, Florida! flag from the Broward County line to the Martin County line. Ron Armstrong said that the program would get much more participation by the school system if it were not timed to coincide with the "blackout" period in preparation for F-CAT testing. He added that the planning process for this program needs to start much earlier in order to increase levels of participation and allow the program to grow.

Jeanette read a handwritten thank-you note from Tana Ebbole, Executive Director of the Children's Services Council, for GCCHP support of their Summer Pre-K and School Based Child Care programs over the past year. She also showed a poster for the "openthe doorto yourfuture.com" website for students' career planning, which was financed by Bud Tamarkin's Special Opportunity Fund. Additionally, she mentioned the receipt of a \$150K donation check from the Sun-Sentinel Children's Fund to support the Summer Camp Scholarship Program. An additional \$50K matching contribution will be available from CSC.

The Board discussed options for rescheduling regular BoD meetings on Thursdays rather than Tuesdays or during a different week of the month. Jeanette referred to last summer's Board member survey which had indicated an even split between Tuesday and Thursday as a preferred meeting time. Jacquie asked for consensus on the logistical arrangements for the next "box lunch" Board meeting on March 15th. (NOTE: This is the 2nd Tuesday of the month instead of the 4th.) It was decided to hold it at the United Way facility on Quantum Blvd. Board members will each pay for their own lunch.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Selma Verse
Secretary

Walter Pasinski
Administrative Assistant I