

Governor's Council for Community Health Partnerships
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2007

Attendance:

Present: Pierre Rodriguez , Tara Finnigan, Selma Verse, Dr. Fred Alfele , Bert Tamarkin, Bob Palin, Elivio Serrano, Jane Irion.

Staff Present: Jeanette Hartzell

Absent: Cynthia Boggs, Karen Christie, Ethel Caesar-Lomax, Ann Faraone, Jack Holcomb, Dr. Yvette LaClaustra, Ann Miller, Michael Monnette, Jackie Nicholson, Joseph Peters, Dr. Delores Turner, Marcia Wagshol, Patricia Patrick, Deanna Lessard

Guest: Diane Carlson, DHAT Volunteer Coordinator

I. Welcome/Introductions

President, Pierre Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM, welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Tara Finnigan asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting. Bud Tamarkin made a motion to accept the minutes. Selva Verse seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report

Bud Tamarkin presented a summary of the Treasurer's Report to be included in the minutes of the 1/23/07 meeting. He noted that Sun-Sentinel had donated \$100,000 to the Governor's Council for the Summer Camp Scholarship Fund.

IV. By-Laws Amendment

Tara Finnigan moved that the resolution to adopt a 50% Quorum Rule be accepted by the Governor's Council to comply with non-profit requirements. Tara explained the reasons for increasing the definition of a quorum from 33% to 50%. A quorum was not present at the January meeting and it decided to pend a vote on the issue until the next meeting on March 27, 2007. It was also decided to allow members to attend by conference phone per Pierre Rodriguez' suggestion.

V. Nominating Committee

Pierre Rodriguez announced that the Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers at the March meeting. Jeanette Hartzell said that new members need to be voted upon and resignations need to be accepted. She requested suggested for new board members from areas in which the board doesn't currently have representation including faith-based organizations, FPL, mental health agencies and a representative(s) from the Western communities of the county. She said that she would ask for a Palm Beach Community College nominee.

VI. Annual Meeting Planning Committee

In the absence of Karen Christie, Jeanette advised the 2007 Annual Meeting will be held on May 22nd at the Atlantis Country Club. She stated that Mr. Paul Gionfriddo, former director of the Palm Beach

County Community Health Alliance and now CEO & President of The Quantum Foundation, has accepted the GCCHP invitation to serve as a guest speaker at the meeting. Committee member, Jane Irion, will be contacting Mr. Gionfriddo for his input on the title/topics of his presentation so that it can be incorporated into the invitation. The committee is interested in receiving suggestions from the Board for additions to the guest list. Pierre Rodriguez announced that he would cover the costs at Atlantis Country Club. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. PBC Holiday Project Report

Bob Palin reported that the Holiday Project was a success and emphasized that laptop computers are still desperately needed. Bud mentioned that the school district has a mentoring center whereby kids repair desktop computers. Bud said that he would invite a representative from the school district to speak at the Board's March meeting about the program. Many ideas were discussed about donated computers and how to promote the donation process.

VIII. Vaccine Update Conference

Diane Carlson reported that the goal of the conference was to explain to doctors how to use the computer system and to get private doctors to use the new computer system so children wouldn't be vaccinated multiple times. Attendees can earn continuing education credits. She said Dr. Anton Kroger from the Centers for Disease Control will be the guest speaker. Pharmaceutical companies will be present and underwrite a portion of the expenses. Diane asked that the Governor's Council hold the donated funds for the conference underwriting. Selma Verse made a motion that the GCCHP hold the funds. Tara Finnigan seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

IX. Summer Camp Scholarship

Jeannette reported that Claudia Tuck has hired Maria Watson to help with the Summer Camp Scholarship Program. She said Delray Medical Center has donated \$5,000 toward the program and Lost Tree Village has donated \$10,000.

X. MAPP Plans for 2007 Workshops

Jeanette distributed the MAPP workshop schedule to attendees and asked that the Governor's Council donate \$400 for expenses for the workshops. Tara made a motion to allocate \$400 and Selma Verse seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

XI. Other Discussion/Announcements

Jeanette reported that her search for a new employee to replace Walter was over, and that she had hired Karen Christie as the new administrative Assistant.

Jeanette announced that on Friday, March 16, 2007, the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition will hold its 16th annual *Love of Literacy* Luncheon at The Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts – Cohen Pavilion in West Palm Beach. The luncheon will feature Melissa Gilbert, actress and literacy advocate, as guest speaker.

Jeanette announced April 1st as the date for the annual Palm Beach County Health Department picnic. Jeanette requested that the GCCHP hold the funds for the picnic. Bob Palin made a motion, and Tara Finnegan seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

XII. Adjournment –

Pierre asked for a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Selma made a motion and Tara Finnegan seconded it. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Finnigan, Esq.
Secretary (Not present at meeting)

Jane Irion (Note taker)
Board Member