

Governor's Council for Community Health Partnerships
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2006

Attendance:

Present: Tara Finnigan, Jacqueline Nicholson, Selma Verse, Marcia Wagshol, Joseph Peters, Dr. Fred Alfele, Bert Tamarkin, Ethel Ceasar-Lomax, Cynthia Boggs, Patricia Patrick, Dr. Delores Turner, Bob Palin, Elivio Serrano

Staff Present: Jeanette Hartzell, Karen Dodge, Walter Pasinski, Adam Reback, Debora Kerr

Absent: Michael Monnette, Jack Holcomb, Ann Faraone, Dr. Yvette LaClaustra, Pierre Rodriguez, Karen Christie, Jane Irion, Elivio Serrano, Ann V. Miller

Guest Speakers: Ginny Merideth (Williams), Executive Director of "InSpirit" and Karen Antonucci, Development Director

I. Welcome/Introductions

Tara and Jeanette welcomed Board members and guests and convened the luncheon meeting at 12:05 PM. Jeanette introduced Adam Reback (Data Analyst) and Debora Kerr (Grant Writer), two new staff members in Community Health Planning and Partnerships, and gave them a special welcome.

II. Approval of Minutes

Secretary, Tara Finnigan, called for approval of minutes from the previous meeting. Dr. Fred Alfele so moved and Bud Tamarkin seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Bud Tamarkin presented the Treasurer's report. He explained the layout of the newly designed (by Marcia Wagshol) addendum comparing both current month and year-to-date receipts/expenditures by class and line item. Jeanette added that unspent funds, donated by the Board of County Commissioners, to finance the Summer Camp Scholarship Program would have to be refunded to the County and then the request for County funding in support of next year's program could be submitted.

IV. By-Laws Amendment (50% Quorum Vote)

Tara explained the reasons for increasing the Council definition of a quorum of the membership from 33% to 50% and asked for a vote by the 13 members present to approve this amendment to the by-laws. All members present voted to approve the change. Per the By-Laws, 15 votes were required to constitute the required $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the current 22 members in order to legally adopt the 50% quorum measure. Jeanette will consult with the Board's legal counsel to explore alternative methods to approve the proposed change to the By-Laws or place this on agenda again at the January meeting.

VI. Annual Meeting Planning Committee Preliminary Report

In the absence of Karen Christie, Jeanette presented the initial decisions from the first meeting of the committee. The 2007 Annual meeting will be held on May 22nd at the Atlantis Country Club. Mr. Paul Gionfriddo, former Director of the Palm Beach County Community Health Alliance and now CEO & President of The Quantum Foundation, has accepted our invitation to serve as guest speaker at the meeting. Committee members have divided job responsibilities. The committee will have further meetings after the New Year and is interested in receiving suggestions from the Board for additions to the guest list.

VII. PBC Holiday Project Report

As Board liaison for this initiative, Bob Palin discussed the efforts that Sharon Vereen-Thomas, the project coordinator, was making to secure contributors for this year's toy/gift drive. She has

approached the Benjamin School, Wal-Mart and K-Mart for low cost toy purchases. She has received \$2000 to date. Volunteer shoppers are ready to begin buying the toys as soon as mutually agreeable shopping dates and times with Wal-Mart and other stores are determined.

VIII. M.A.P.P. Plans for 2007 Workshops

Dr. Karen Dodge discussed the revised schedule for holding five workshops (rather than one) to formulate goals and strategies for implementing improvements in all aspect of health in Palm Beach County. She explained the ten domains of data collection and analysis that were part of the process in developing the key issues considered by the MAPP Leadership Team. She invited Board members participation in the MAPP process in 2007. Karen Christie has been representing the board on the Leadership Team.

IX. Godparent Volunteer Program – Final Report

Jeanette advised the Board that the Jupiter Godparent Program has been transferred under the control of the Area Agency on Aging RSVP program. The balance of Jupiter Godparent funds were sent to AAA for continuing support of the Volunteer efforts in support of Head Start children in the Jupiter area. A check for the balance of funds in the Boynton Beach Godparent account line was sent to support youth activities at local church in Boynton Beach. The funds were donated upon the recommendation and with the approval of Ms. Peggy Muro, who had been in the program since its inception.

X. “InSpirit” Program Presentation

Jacque Nicholson introduced this program to the board and nominated Ms. Meredith for an award that was presented last May at our annual meeting. Ms. Ginny Meredith (Williams) described her program which features local musicians who provide entertainment for underserved populations in nursing homes, hospitals and other care facilities. She played a video about the program and cited over 14,000 clients served during more than 450 performances in Palm Beach County. She asked for the Board to publicize the good work and provide her with any contacts that she might solicit for contributions to support her efforts. Bud encouraged the Board to help InSpirit in any way they could. Jacque will be joining their board and assisting them with ongoing funding efforts.

XI. Other Reports/Updates

Jeanette distributed copies of the 2007 GCCHP Board of Directors and Executive committee meeting schedule.

Special thanks were noted to Jack Holcomb for his work updating our website. Jacque Nicholson and Jane Irion on working on additions of photos. See www.gcpartnerships.org

XIII. Other Discussion/Closure

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Finnigan, Esq.
Secretary

Walter Pasinski
Administrative Assistant I