

# Governor's Council for Community Health Partnerships

## Board Meeting Minutes

### March 28, 2006

#### **Attendance:**

**Present:** Jacqueline Nicholson, Bob Palin, Selma Verse, Jane Irion, Jack Holcomb, Bert Tamarkin, Joseph Peters, Ann V. Miller, Tara Finnigan, Ethel Ceasar-Lomax, Marcia Wagshol, Ann Faraone, Tara Finnigan,

**Staff Present:** Walter Pasinski

**Absent:** Michael Monnette, Elivio Serrano, Dr. Fred Alfele, Pierre Rodriguez, Dr. Yvette LaClaustra, Dr. Delores Turner

**Guest:** Maureen Perrault, PBC Community Action Program

#### **I. Call to Order**

Selma called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM. Walter asked those present to complete and turn in the copies of two provided forms (the Community Health Survey & the Florida on the Move questionnaire), prior to the end of the meeting.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Selma called for any amendments to the minutes from the previous (January '06) Board meeting. Bud moved that the last Board meeting minutes be approved as written. Bob seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **III. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Bud Tamarkin presented the Treasurer's report, noting that the Council Fund account line was the source for discretionary spending for the Board and that there were sufficient funds available to cover anticipated expenditures. He noted that there would be some logistic/administrative expenses involved with moving offices to a new location (e.g. new address to be printed on GCCHP stationery). He pointed out that the bulk of the funds available in the C.A.P. account were in the Summer Camp Scholarship Program account line and they were earmarked for the summer 2006 program. He also mentioned that interest on the C.A.P. account was deposited into the Council Fund, as the primary means to replenish the fund.

#### **IV. Executive Committee Report**

Bud presented a review of issues discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting. He discussed the approval for conducting a formal audit of GCCHP 2005 finances, in which the Board concurred. He explained the reasons for the Council's inability to adopt the Drowning Prevention Coalition program as a Council initiative and the rationale for not setting up a duplicative food pantry program with PBC Human Services.

#### **V. GCCHP Promotional Power Point Presentation**

Jacque showed the latest revision of the Council Power Point presentation, requesting that members note their comments and recommendations in writing for submission to her for further consideration. The group made several suggestions for improvement of graphics during the presentation. Jane made a specific recommendation that the GCCHP logo might be more eye-catching if a blue/white color reversal (she called it a "knock-out" technique) were used on the opening slide.

#### **VI. Annual Meeting - 6/13/06**

Jacque updated the Board on the current plan to host this year's Annual Meeting at the United Way. The guest speaker will be Dr. Earl Fox from University of Miami who will talk about the Florida Institute for Health. Café Joshua will provide catering services and Bob Palin is working on awards for presentation

to individuals who are to be recognized for their service to our community. At Jacquie's request, Walter reviewed the current list of proposed award recipients. Jacquie discussed the design of the coffee mugs which are being ordered as gifts for meeting attendees. Walter provided Jane with a printed copy of the invitation text/layout, which he had previously E-mailed to her. Jacquie encouraged all Board members to provide Walter with information regarding any additional nominees for awards as well as any additions to the invitation/guest list.

#### **VII. Proposed Slate of Officers for 2006/07**

Tara discussed the handout listing the 2006/07 proposed slate of officers, new members inducted in 2005, resignations in 2005/06 and new member candidates. Bud mentioned that that, due to staff scheduling at the Area Agency on Aging, he had been unable to get the name for a Board candidate from that agency. Tara asked that information for any additional potential new members be provided to Walter for Board consideration and also for any comments or discussion on the proposed slate of officers. Since no comments were forthcoming, Bud made a motion to approve the slate of officers and the list of new Board members, as written. Tara seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

#### **VIII. Florida on the Move in Palm Beach County**

The power point presentation on this topic was tabled for presentation at the July 2006 Board meeting, which will be held in the Media Center building at the Dreyfoos School of the Arts in WPB.

#### **IX. Other Discussion**

1. Bud discussed negotiations in progress with the Area Agency on Aging to assume administrative functions and include the Council's Jupiter and Boynton Beach Godparent programs within their Foster Grandparent Program.
2. Tara and Ann Faraone presented their ideas for instituting a series of community forums related to issues of stress (e.g. Traffic/commuting delays due to widespread road construction, Family stress sources in childrearing, etc.) which could be sponsored by the Governor's Council. Ann offered the Safe Schools site in Boca Raton, which has a 1000 person capacity, as a possible venue to stage these community forums.
3. Ann Faraone provided an overview description of the role and functions for the PBC School District Student Intervention Services office, where she works.
4. Maureen Perrault spoke about some of the history of the Summer Camp Scholarship Program and the problems with waiting lists for eligible client which have been a concern over the past several years. She said that 2006 is a record year for the program, with 2200 applicants already on the list. She added that the Children's Services Council and the Board of County Commissioners are making efforts to provide additional funding for this year's camp program in order to eliminate the waiting list.
5. Bob Palin expressed his concern over the lack of a Council initiative/programs targeted for serving senior citizens in our community.
6. Walter advised that the projected office relocation date to Forum Place for Jeanette & staff is April 18<sup>th</sup>. He provided the new office address and telephone number, which he would confirm by E-mail to the Board. He also mentioned that he would be out of the office during the month of May.

#### **X. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Walter Pasinski (Note taker)  
Administrative Assistant I