

Governor's Council for Community Health Partnerships  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**July 25, 2006**

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Jacqueline Nicholson, Bob Palin, Selma Verse, Bert Tamarkin, Ethel Ceasar-Lomax, Marcia Wagshol, Pierre Rodriguez, Karen Christie, Cynthia Boggs, Patricia Patrick, Joseph Peters, Dr. Delores Turner,

**Staff Present:** Jeanette Hartzell, Dr. Karen Dodge, Walter Pasinski

**Absent:** Michael Monnette, Elivio Serrano, Ann V. Miller, Jane Irion, Jack Holcomb, Ann Faraone, Tara Finnigan, Dr. Fred Alfele, Dr. Yvette LaClaustra,

**Guest Speaker:** Mr. Al Grasso, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, PBCHD

**I. Call to Order**

President Pierre Rodriguez convened the meeting at 9:10 AM, welcomed the members and recognized the celebration of Bud Tamarkin's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. He asked the three new Board members (Cynthia Boggs, Karen Christie & Patti Patrick) to introduce themselves to the group with some remarks regarding their background and interests. The rest of those present then introduces themselves, as well. Pierre mentioned that prospective new member, Anna Noe, would regrettably be unable to participate on the Board of Directors. A thank-you letter was sent to Anna for her original interest.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Pierre called for any amendments to the minutes from the previous (Annual) Board meeting in June. Bud moved that the minutes be accepted, as written and Bob Palin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Bud Tamarkin, presented the Treasurer's report, as of June, and asked for any questions or comments from the Board with regard to his report. Bob mad a motion that the Treasurer's report be adopted, as written, and Selma Verse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Bud also mentioned that Council's independent auditor, Mr. Steve Corso, would make a presentation at the September Board meeting regarding his report on 2005 GCCHP finances and also provide the Board with some background information on the IRS Form 990 which the Council must submit annually.

**IV. Annual Meeting Critique**

Ethel Ceasar-Lomax complimented the excellent quality of the refreshments provided by Café Joshua. Pierre mentioned how favorably impressed he was with the speaker, Dr. Earl Fox, and the timeliness of his topic. The Board consensus was that the meeting was a great success. Jeanette asked the members to consider volunteering to serve on the Annual Meeting Planning Committee for next year's event, which will begin its work in the Fall.

**VI. Program Reports**

- Summer Camp Scholarship Program – Jeanette distributed a bar graph, provided by Jack Holcomb, which displayed increasing participation, from 301 young people in 1995 to almost 2300 in 2006. Funding for the program has also steadily increased over the years, with 2006 being the first year in which no applicants were left on a waiting list. Large contributions this year from the Children's Services Council and the PBC Board of Commissioners supported this achievement. Bob emphasized the benefits of the supervised educational activities provided to camp participants as a double plus, contributing to the peace and order in local communities as well as involving local youth in worthwhile pursuits.

--Jupiter Godparent Program – Karen Christie discussed the transition of program assets (60 Headstart Volunteers in Jupiter plus the remainder of funds earmarked for the program from the GCCHP account) to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of the Area Agency on Aging. This turnover is expected to take place this Fall, after which Jupiter Godparents will become an inactive GCCHP initiative.

--Boynton Beach Godparent Program – Jeanette discussed the excellent efforts of Peggy Muro, who, with her now deceased husband, had spearheaded the local program for many years. Control of this program, at Peggy’s request, will be transitioned to the Methodist Church, in Boynton Beach. Jacquie offered to accompany Jeanette to the church in Boynton Beach to help arrange the turnover. Subsequently, this program will also become an inactive GCCHP initiative.

**VII. Mobilization for Action Planning & Partnerships (M.A.P.P.) Updates**

Karen Dodge briefed Board members on progress in the local MAPP process. She told them about the upcoming strategic issues meeting in September, at which 3 to 5 key health issues will be identified as areas for concentration on formulating action programs to resolve them. Formulating the action programs will be the focus of a 1½ workshop on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at which Board members are also invited to participate.

**VIII. Committee Announcements**

-Communications Committee – Jacquie discussed updates to the Council website to be installed by Jack Holcomb. She and Marcia Wagshol are completing the final touches to the new brochure and the new MS PowerPoint presentation is essentially done.

--Advocacy Committee – Jeanette spoke for the committee chair (Tara Finnigan) and reported the committee’s involvement with the Board of County commissioners and publicity in support of fluoridation in the county water supply. This advocacy will be needed again in the Fall.

**IX. “All Hazards Planning” presentation**

Al Grasso provided a PowerPoint presentation on preparing for natural and man-made disasters which emphasized the need for creating inter-agency partnerships and mutual support agreements in both planning aspects and recovery/response activities. He stressed that having an individual/family emergency plan is a key element in successfully surviving a disaster. He distributed copies of the State of Florida ‘Family Preparedness Guide’ to all in attendance.

**X. Other Discussion/Closure**

-Jeanette asked that Board members complete and turn in their annual Board Assessment forms.

--Jeanette will be out-of-town on annual leave from August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.

---The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>. The Executive Committee will next meet on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Pierre adjourned the meeting at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Finnigan, Esq.  
Secretary

Walter Pasinski (Note taker)  
Administrative Assistant I