

Governor's Council for Community Health Partnerships
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2009

Attendance:

Present: Susan Dyess, Sandra Gerber, Deanna Lessard, Bob Palin, Joe Peters, Jacqueline Rogers, Linda Roman, Bud Tamarkin,

Staff: Erica Whitfield, Nancy Evans

Absent: Dr. Fred Alfele, Tara Finnigan, Pat Lord, Pierre Rodriguez, Jackie Nicholson & Selma Verse.

Guests: Philip Macnak and Lowell Tyler: Florida State Elks Association.
Sharon Richardson: Operations Supervisor; PBC Community Services Dept. Division of Senior Services.
Claudia Tuck: Director; Palm Beach County Community Services, Human Services Division.

I. Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Joe Peters. Introductions were made.

II. Agenda and Minutes

Jacqueline Rogers moved that the minutes from May 19, 2009 be accepted as written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

III. Elks Association

Mr. Lowell Tyler and Mr. Philip Macnak, representing the Florida State Elks Association, delivered a brief history of the organization and a description of its charitable activities. They presented a check for \$500.00 to the "Meals on Wheels" program. It was gratefully accepted by Sharon Richardson of the Division of Senior Services.

IV. Tour of South Olive Summer Camp

A tour of the South Olive Day Camp was conducted for the members by Diane Rehberg. The youngsters attending the camp range in age from 3 years to 14 years, and it includes 32 special-needs children in this inclusive camp. Field trips, fun cooking experiences, computer use, and playing games in the large gymnasium are all part of summer camp at South Olive.

V. Homeless Advisory Board Presentation

Ms. Claudia Tuck from the County's Division of Human Services gave an inspiring overview of the mission of the Homeless Advisory Board. This organization has a ten-year plan in place to create a local homeless response system whose goal will be to eliminate homelessness in Palm Beach County. The role of the Governor's Council would be to accept grant funds that will be for homeless assistance programs

VI. Treasurer's Report

- Bud Tamarkin submitted the Program Balances.
- Jacqueline Rogers moved that the Treasurer's Report for January be accepted as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

VII. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee

Joe Peters reported on nominations of new board members, and a review of the committee bylaws.

2. Nominating Committee

Names submitted for membership were Wendy Tippitt, Paulette Burdick, Diana Stanley, Rojean Williams. Mr. Palin moved to approve these memberships as a group, rather than by individual, and this was seconded by Joe Peters. All four were approved for membership after confirmation that they will be able to attend the meetings. The committee discussed representation by alternates if a member is unable to attend meetings, and questions arose regarding the legitimacy of votes by alternates in the by-laws. Dr. Dyess reported that the by-laws do not support this, but they could be amended to do so.

Jeanette Hartzell encouraged the committee to make efforts to reach out to the larger community and bring in new members who are also business leaders as well as agency personnel.

VIII. On-Going Initiatives

1. ACHIEVE

There was an action institute held in Virginia during the month of July. The participants from our area are very interested and enthusiastic.

2. Summer Camp Scholarship Program

The total number of children enrolled in summer camps is now 2400. Unexpected funding from several foundations has made this possible.

3. Dental Van

Two payments have been made. It is expected to be completed by January, 2010.

4. DOSS

Mr. Palin has been attending the meetings and will report more at the next GCCHP meeting.

IX. New Business

Bud Tamarkin suggested that the GCCHP be prepared to volunteer in case of an H1N1 virus pandemic outbreak in Palm Beach County.

V. Adjournment

Bud Tamarkin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Susan Dyess seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Peters adjourned the meeting and reminded the members that the next meeting is at 9:00 am, September 22, 2009 at Compass, Inc. 201 N. Dixie Hwy, Lake Worth, FL. 33460.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Roman
Secretary

Nancy Evans
Administrative Assistant