

Governor's Council for Community Health Partnerships
Board Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2005

Attendance:

Present: Jacqueline Nicholson, Bob Palin, Pierre Rodriguez, Anna Cohen, Selma Verse, Jane Irion, Jack Holcomb, Bert Tamarkin, Joseph Peters, Dr. Delores Turner, Dr. Yvette LaClaustra, Ann V. Miller, Dr. Fred Alfele

Staff Present: Jeanette Hartzell, Walter Pasinski

Absent: Michael Monnette, Tenna Wiles, Tara Finnigan, Ethel Ceasar-Lomax, Elivio Serrano, Marcia Wagshol

Guest: Stefania Baudouin, Social Work Undergraduate Student (by Ann Miller)

I. Call to Order

President, Pierre Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. Board members then introduced themselves to the group. Ann Miller introduced her student guest from FAU.

II. Approval of Minutes

In the absence of Secretary Tara Finnigan, Pierre mentioned that the minutes from the July 2005 meeting were E-mailed to each member and asked for any additions or corrections. It was moved by Dr. Alfele and seconded by Bob Palin to accept the minutes (which will also be posted on www.gcpartnerships.org), as written. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report

Bud presented the report, pointing out that, as of August 31, a balance of \$10,184 remains in the Council Fund, after paying for the 2004 financial audit and covering all expenses for the annual meeting. He mentioned that the monthly CAP account interest/dividend from the bank are deposited in the Council Fund and that \$2500 in service fees from CSC had also been added to the balance. Jane Irion moved that the treasurer's report be accepted, as written. Bob Palin seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

IV. Executive Committee Report

Selma outlined the results of the last Executive Committee meeting by reviewing the items in the meeting agenda. She did not go into great detail, since most of the agenda items from the Executive committee (e.g. Membership Issues, Committee Reports, Board Workshop Planning, etc.) were included in the current Board meeting agenda.

V. Membership Issues

Jeanette asked for board approval to accept Ann Faraone, who had been recommended by Ron Armstrong as a potential candidate, to be a new Board member since she has valuable skills and experience in school health and education and has indicated her interest in joining the Council as an active member. Bud made a motion to approve inviting Ms. Faraone to join the Board and Jacquie seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Jeanette also announced the resignation of Judith Kouba, who has recently taken a new job at Childrens' Medical Services in Broward County and will no longer be able to fully participate in Board activities.

VI. Drowning Prevention Coalition (DPC) Initiative Update

Jeanette explained about signature authority issues which are delaying execution of a signed agreement to accept DPC as a Council initiative. It was determined that the Board of County Commissioners is the only legal entity that can sign for the coalition. The initiative agreement document required by GCCHP is

on the County Commissioners meeting agenda in October for action. Acceptance of the DPC to initiative status can be finalized after both parties sign the initiative agreement.

VII. Summer Camp Scholarship Program 2005 – Final Report

Jack Holcomb advised that he has not yet received the final report from C.A.P. regarding this year's SCSP program results. He reported that 1516 youth out of 1711 applicants had received scholarship funding to attend camp this year, leaving 195 unserved. He explained that some program funds were left unused, but due to late receipt of money from the Board of County Commissioners, last minute camp arrangements were unable to be made on very short notice to reduce the size of the waiting list. He pointed out that funding for next year's program (\$8000 from Lost Tree Foundation and \$50,000 from a Sun-Sentinal grant) has already been requested. Bud asked whether planning information regarding selection of camp sites could be provided to the Council in the February timeframe to increase advanced availability of funds and ensure that camp slots were filled as early and completely as possible. Further discussion covered the need to provide copies of the SCSP brochure to potential contributors in order to collect funds well prior to the beginning of summer camp operations. Ann Miller recommended that multiple types of camp choices/opportunities, covering a wider range of community interests, be included in the "menu" to provide attractive choices for families requesting SCSP slots. Board members agreed that increased information exchange and better communications with C.A.P. staff were needed to allow more efficient and effective support of the SCSP program.

VIII. Committee Appointments

Jeanette asked for volunteers to participate as members of the Annual Meeting Planning (Selma Verse – Chair) and Nominating (Tara Finnigan – Chair) committees, which need to begin making decisions regarding the 2006 Annual meeting and a proposed slate of Board officers for next year. The following members volunteered to serve.

Annual Meeting Planning Committee – Jacquie Nicholson, Bob Palin & Joe Peters

Nominating Committee – Pierre Rodriguez & Bud Tamarkin

Jeanette thanked the members for their interest and positive support.

IX. Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee - Members advised that primary issues for action by this committee are:
Food Security and Teen Pregnancy Prevention.
Dr. Turner suggested adding Sexual Abuse as an issue
Ann Miller volunteered and was accepted to join the committee.

Communications Committee – Jacquie Nicholson presented a list of topics for action by her committee which include:
Consistent message, Media lists, Press kit, FAX sheets, Newsletter, PowerPoint presentation, GCCHP website and Business cards for Board members.

Jacquie stated that the committee would be on the look-out for opportunities for public interface and would be examining the above issues and tasks at the committee meeting immediately following the Board meeting.

X. Board Workshop Planning

Jeanette asked for suggestions to select a workable date for holding the annual Board workshop. After some discussion, the Board agreed that **Tuesday, December 6th from 12 noon to 3 PM** (a luncheon meeting) would be the best choice. Jeanette said that her plan was to hold a professionally facilitated team building/interactive program as the workshop activity to increase members' awareness of the many talents and experiences within the Board and to enhance group cohesion.

XI. Other Discussion

Bud cited a medical study that links pre and post-natal nutrition of infants with brain development and the potential increase or decrease in child and adult intelligence levels dependant on the quality of early nutrition. This discussion was to emphasize the importance of the work being done by the Food Security Program.

Pierre discussed lifestyle and nutritional habit changes in his family resulting from his participation in the “Step-up-Florida” program and how continued adherence to the diet and exercise recommendations from that program have improved his and his family’s overall wellness.

Bud mentioned that Becky Gregory was planning to retire next month after 30 years of working to support provision of social services within Palm Beach County. She had specifically requested that she not be presented with any personal gifts or awards. Bud and Jeanette suggested that each Board member bring an unwrapped toy with them to the December meeting for contribution to the County Human Services Holiday Project (which Becky helped to initiate) in her honor. All Board members present agreed.

XII. Adjournment – Dr. Alfele moved that the meeting be adjourned and Bud seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Walter Pasinski (Note taker)
Administrative Assistant I