

Governor's Council for Community Health Partnerships
Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2007

Attendance:

Present: Dr. Fred Alfele, Cynthia Boggs, Ethel Caesar-Lomax, Susan Dyess, Tara Finnigan, Jane Irion, Dr. Yvette LaClaustra, Deanna Lessard, Kathy Munz, Jacquie Nicholson, Bob Palin, Pierre Rodriguez, Jacqueline Rogers, Dr. Delores Turner, Bert Tamarkin, Selma Verse, Marcia Wagshol.

Staff: Jeanette Hartzell and Karen Christie.

Absent: Ann Faraone, Jack Holcomb, Ann Miller, Michael Monnette, Patricia Patrick, Joseph Peters, Elivio Serrano.

I. Welcome/Introductions

President, Selma Verse called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM, welcomed everyone and led introductions.

II. Approval of Minutes

Selma Verse asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Bob Palin moved to accept the minutes of the March meeting. Dr. Alfele seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report

Bud Tamarkin presented the Financial Statements for year-ending December 31, 2006, the Financial Statement through month-end April 2007 and the April 2007 Revenue & Disbursements Report to be included in the minutes of the 05/22/07 meeting. He noted that the council fund has not yet been reduced by the payment to the auditor. Jeanette advised that Steve Corso, the auditor, had been unable to attend the annual meeting but would be available to attend the July meeting, at the Board's option, to discuss any questions on the 2006 Financial Statements. Dr. Alfele moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

IV. By-Laws Amendment

A quorum being present, Tara reviewed two proposed By-laws changes for the board: 1) Article VI D to define a quorum as 50%, and 2) Article VI E to expand options allowed for voting. Tara proposed that the board accept the changes as written. Dr. Alfele seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

V. Board Membership

Jeanette welcomed Susan Dyess, Kathy Munz and Jacqueline Rogers as new Board members and advised them that orientation would be scheduled in the near future.

Jeanette advised that Mike Monnette has resigned from the Board. She stated that he had been a charter member of the Board and was the liaison to the Godparent Program that has now been transferred to the Area Agency on Aging. She mentioned that since Mike is now working in Coral Springs, he is no

longer involved in the local community. Deanna Lessard moved to accept Mike's resignation. Tara seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeanette requested that the Board members complete the Board Member Assessment form included in the meeting packets and return it to her by June 19th. This survey is completed yearly to gather member feedback and input. Once the surveys are tallied, the results will be presented to the Executive Committee for discussion.

VI. July Board Meeting

Bud recommended that that July meeting be held at one of the summer camp locations so that the Board could observe camp activities firsthand. Susan concurred, but also stated that on an on-going basis it was preferable to have the meetings held at one consistent location. It was agreed that a summer camp location would be identified for the July 24th meeting.

VII. Other Discussion/Closure

Jeanette advised the Board members that the meeting packet included an updated listing of all Board members. She also requested that the members keep Karen Christie updated on any changes in contact information.

Selma stated that committees had been established a year ago to allow the Board to take organized action. This last year had focused on MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships), but that she would like to discuss reinstating the Communications Committee and the Advocacy committees at the July meeting. She advised the Board that the purpose of the Communications Committee was to coordinate efforts to promote the Board's mission and the purpose of the Advocacy Committee was to contribute to county wellness through advocacy. She asked Board members to think about the committee(s) on which they would like to participate in advance of the July meeting.

Jeanette also asked the Board to consider what role they wanted to play in future MAPP activities prior to the July meeting. She stated that during the prior year the Board has provided an excellent sounding board for plans and activities that were underway and thanked Board members for their participation.

The July meeting will be held on July 24th at a summer camp location to be determined.

Jeanette thanked Pierre for his leadership as the president of the Board for the last 3 years. She stated that he had been the backbone of the group and that she looked forward to his continuing participation.

Jane advised the Board that she had suggested to Maria Watson that they produce a "camper of the week" series for the Palm Beach Post. Maria will identify the campers and Jane will write the articles and submit them to the Palm Beach Post. The goal is to generate additional interest and support for the Summer Camp Scholarship Program through media exposure. Jacquie suggested that the article(s) also be provided to the Sun Sentinel for their "character counts" section. Jane advised that she might pick two groups of campers so that she could do something "special" for the Sun Sentinel.

Jeanette advised that there would be a meeting of the volunteers that would like to work on the Summer Camp project in June. Dr. Turner advised that she would like to be involved in the program.

Jeanette advised that Lost Tree will be increasing their donation to support the Summer Camp Scholarship Program to \$20,000 for 2007. The check should be received next week.

XII. Adjournment

Dr. Alfele made a motion to adjourn and Pierre seconded it. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Peters
Secretary (Not present at meeting)

Karen Christie (Notetaker)
Administrative Assistant