

Governor's Council for Community Health Partnerships
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2008

Attendance:

Present: Dr. Fred Alfele, Susan Dyess, Ann Faraone, Sandra Gerber, Jane Irion, Dr. Yvette LaClaustra, Deanna Lessard, Kathy Munz, Jacquie Nicholson, Bob Palin, Joe Peters, Jacqueline Rogers, Linda Roman, Bert Tamarkin, Selma Verse, Jean Wicken.

Staff: Karen Christie.

Absent: Cynthia Boggs, Tara Finnigan, Pat Lord, Pierre Rodriguez, Marcia Wagshol.

Guests: Jeanette Hartzell, Keith Rizzarda.

I. Welcome/Introductions

President, Selma Verse called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM.

Selma welcomed everyone, and recognized Deanna Lessard for chairing the annual meeting and Jane Irion for the invitation and puzzle concept.

II. Minutes

The review of the minutes was pended until the July 10th meeting.

III. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was pended until the July 10th meeting.

Bud commented that the accountant has been paid for preparing the annual tax return and audit. With the payment of the accountant's fees and the annual meeting expenses, the Council Fund balance is low. Bud advised the Board members that additional funding would be required for the Board to be able to pay the cost of the accountant and the annual meeting in 2009. Potential solutions will be discussed at the July meeting.

IV. Organization Update

New Officers: Selma advised that the officers for 2008-2009 were officially installed. Selma Verse will continue to serve as the President; Joe Peters will serve as the Vice President; Susan Dyess will serve as Secretary and Bud Tamarkin will continue to serve as Treasurer.

New Members: Selma welcomed Sandra Gerber, Linda Roman and Jean Wicken to the Board. Pat Lord, who was unable to attend, was also recognized as a new member.

Committee Reports:

- **Communications Committee:** Bob Palin, Chairman, advised that the Communications Committee is following the November 2007 plan, which identifies the specific tasks to be completed. Bob advised that the committee had recently drafted guidelines for promotions that would be provided for review and voted upon at the next meeting. Bob thanked Jane Irion for her efforts in putting the guidelines together.

- **Advocacy Committee:** Kathy Munz, Co-chair, advised that the committee has participated in a gleaning activity in support of the Community Food Alliance. In addition to food insecurity, Kathy advised that the committee was learning about and supporting the school system's teen pregnancy prevention classes. Kathy stated that a committee meeting would be set up shortly. Ann Faraone advised that high school students have a community service requirement to meet and that they might be available to participate in gleaning or other activities identified by the Board. Ann advised that she would circulate fliers/fact sheets on needs for support throughout the school system.

- **Summer Camp Scholarship Program Sub-committee:** In the absence of Chairperson Cynthia Boggs, Bud Tamarkin advised that the sub-committee members are working closely together to obtain the maximum participation for the 2008 summer camp year. Letters requesting additional support have been given to United Way of Palm Beach County, Town of Palm Beach United Way and the Community Foundation. Payment scheduling has been revised to ensure that funds are available as needed to meet committed obligations. Any camp “slot” that is unused after 2 weeks will be re-allocated to a child on the waiting list so that all available camp opportunities are awarded and used. Bud noted that funding is still far short of what is needed to send children on the waiting list to camp. Although 1900 children have been awarded slots, 560 are still waiting for a spot. In addition, the cost of sending a child to camp has increased for 2008 from \$660 to around \$800. Bud asked the individual Board members to contribute to sending a child to camp.

V. July Board Meeting

The July Board meeting will be held at the summer camp site, Consuming Fire, at 1700 45th Street, Suite A & B in Riviera Beach, Florida at 9:00 AM on July 10, 2008.

VI. Other Discussion/Closure

- **2009 Homeless PIT Count:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services receives \$5,000 to pay for the annual Homeless PIT Count. Claudia Tuck has requested that the Governor’s Council for Community Health Partnerships (GCCHP) provide fiscal services for the count. Jeanette advised that since the Division is already receiving fiscal support from GCCHP for other program initiatives, that this additional service could be agreed by vote. Bud moved that the Board approve providing the fiscal services to the 2009 Homeless PIT Count. Dr. Alfele seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

- **New Member Orientation:** Selma advised that new member orientation would take place prior to the July 10th Board meeting. June 24th following the Executive Committee meeting is a tentative date for the training.

- **Pictures:** Selma asked the officers and new members to gather for pictures at the end of the Board meeting. These pictures would be sent to the Palm Beach Post along with a press release and be posted on the GCCHP website.

- Jeanette thanked Selma and Bud for their efforts in handling the activities of the GCCHP in the absence of a director.

- Sandra Gerber advised that she is involved in several activities addressing health issues – 1) the annual health poster competition, 2) programs for providing health and wellness alternative care and 3) transformation collaboration in the Glades, which is an after school program.

- Linda Roman advised that the United Way is involved in Project SOAR, which is focused on providing access outreach for SSI/SSDI for those at home with mental illness. One hundred and forty (140) case workers will be doing applications beginning in August.

- Deanna Lessard advised that Tim Henderson has taken a position in Orlando, Florida with Black Stallion, a family foundation, and will be leaving in three weeks.

VII. Adjournment

Selma Verse adjourned the meeting at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Dyess
Secretary

Karen Christie (Notetaker)
Administrative Assistant