



**Board Meeting  
May 11, 2023**

**Attendees:** Dr. Charles Crite, Tonya Bethea, Tanya Joy, Isaiah Dunlap, Mary Locke, Deloris Pinson, George Singleton, Gina Bridges, Ruth Pridgen, and Roseanne Brown.

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Mr. Singleton opened the meeting and introduced Tanya Bethea, who rejoined the board. She has transitioned after completing her MBA.

**The Annual Luncheon** is coming up in Nov/Dec. All agreed we could do it again at UCF, and need to be strategic in who we invite. If you would like to attend a webinar at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, on how to have a successful event, please email [RBrown@Poppolutions.com](mailto:RBrown@Poppolutions.com) to be added to the attendee List.

**Strategic Plan.** Time to do this again before the end of this year! Mr. Singleton reviewed the process needed to complete the first plan. Two to Three board members are invited to participate in this new process to create the 2024-2029 plan. It will take 3 Saturdays or 4 evenings to draft the next Strategic Plan to present to the board. We can set this up virtually if the group prefers. The importance of the strategic plan was shared. If you are interested in sitting on this committee, please email [RBrown@Poppolutions.com](mailto:RBrown@Poppolutions.com).

**VetForward.** The first VetForward home is across the street from UCF entrance and is occupied by Ms. Smith, who has been there for three years. It creates monthly revenue for UCF and is the flagship of the mission. The second phase was to take place in the Nicholtown community, in the city limits. We applied, but the lot awarded would have required a great deal of funding to develop, so we have backed off of that by focusing more on the property we have here at UCF which is in Greenville County.

**CDC** is still pending. The packet has been submitted and waiting to hear from the IRS. Once approved, we will be eligible for different grant funds.

**Daycare.** Building B is up and ready for the daycare for this fall. Have explored this with 3 – 4 daycare providers. Greenville First Steps donated for state approval and licensing. UCF will lease the space to a provider, and as mentioned, has a couple of good leads.

**Meeting space** utilization is up for community meetings.

**District 25** - Celebrations are shared with this group. Lakeside Park – August community Fun Day followed by October 21<sup>st</sup> Gala. UCF will have a table.

UCF will have a booth at this Saturday's mental health awareness for our youth. Bringing awareness to the need. Just one of several upcoming events here at Upstate. Mr. Singleton reviewed some of the group meetings at UCF.

**The Medical Hub** is coming to the UCF with a grand opening set for August or September. This is through a partnership with Unity Health on Main. UCF, Just Say Something parenting, and mental health. Jamika Murphy will handle the social media. Two classrooms are being converted into the new Medical

Center. The bathrooms are now ADA-compliant. Total Of 4 ADA on the campus. Many dignitaries will be attending the grand opening.

Mr. Singleton shared the different **summer programs** being held at UCF.

Mrs. Pinson shared an addition of 60 children at Grove and 75 at Monaview – so the **summer feeding program**. The rec center numbers have increased. Mt. Pleasant and Sterling up to 50 each, and 4 new non-congregate meals will be about 150. It is for the whole summer now. The summer program really helps with operating costs.

**BITS (Been In Those Shoes)** – Focusing on weekend meals. Grove had 50, now up to 55 families to be taken care of. These are 55 students who wouldn't have weekend meals. Worried how they will receive meals during the summer. It cost about \$250 - \$350 a week for this program. Donations are welcome.

**Senior Meals** –50 average. Have lost some due to passing away or being in the hospital and rehab.

**Financial Literacy** – To be offered to veterans on Tuesday nights.

**Urban Garden** - Things beginning to grow at the farm! Volunteers come every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday to help. This board is invited to participate.

**Grants Reviewed by Roseanne Brown:**

Received

- Health Greenville- \$1.4 million that UCF receives a portion for rental, meals, playground useage, etc.
- MFuse (Summer Initiative) \$700
- Kiwanis Club - \$1200
- Graham Fd - \$25,000

Pending -

- Truist 3 year grant (Mental Health Collaboration w/Southside HS) LOI

Mrs. Pinson asked everyone to review the **Quarterly Financial Report** and address any questions to her. Shared \$12,000 was received from Hollingsworth. Explained how from quarter to quarter the report may show negative balances but evens out with the influx of Federal and State funding. The quarterly reports can be confusing, the 990 report for the full year is clearer.

**Drive Smart Academy** – Unique business that teaches youth and adults to drive now located at UCF. Mr. Singleton reviewed all the programs being held at UCF – see handouts.

Ms. Joy, a board member, shared about the Autism program that provides a card that says “I have autism.” It helps when approached by law enforcement and questioned, but they may shut down and not be able to communicate. The card can prevent misunderstandings. Registered on Safe Outcomes for first responders to know the behavior is medically related.

The next meeting will be scheduled for the end of summer.