

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Chronic Disease Committee

DATE: February 8, 2011

PLACE: Angel Medical Center

TIME: 8:30 – 10:00 AM

ATTENDEES: Rhonda Blanton, Teresa Breedlove, Sherry Dills, Jennifer Hollifield, April Innis, Kathy McGaha and Dawn Wilde

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Teresa Breedlove welcomed everyone to today's meeting of the Chronic Disease Committee. Ms. Breedlove asked the committee members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Jennifer Hollifield motioned for the approval of the minutes. Sherry Dills 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Introductions	Teresa Breedlove welcomed April Innis to today's meeting. Ms. Innis is in the Nutrition Program at Western Carolina University. Ms. Breedlove asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented.		
Breakfast	Breakfast was provided by Angel Medical Center. Please thank Teresa Breedlove and her staff.		
ACHIEVE Grant	Kathy McGaha informed the committee members that we did not receive the ACHIEVE Grant. Ms. McGaha said this grant is awarded annually, and she will keep all the information so that we can apply again next year.		
County Grounds Tobacco Policy	<p>Kathy McGaha gave a brief review of the last meeting in which we discussed the possibility of pushing for a tobacco policy covering county grounds and/or county recreation areas.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha informed the committee members since the last meeting; Commissioner Simpson had not been reelected. Mr. Simpson had been the commissioner representative to the Macon County Rec. Board. Rhonda Blanton stated she thought his replacement was now Commissioner Bobby Koppers.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha discussed with the committee members that now we would need to meet with Commissioner Koppers and start the discussion period over again.</p>		

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Other Items for Discussion	<p>Other Items for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TRU Clubs – Dawn Wilde gave an update on the TRU Clubs. Ms. Wilde said there are currently clubs at Franklin High School, Macon Middle School and Mountain View Intermediate. Ms. Wilde said three students would be doing a presentation to the Board of Health on February 22nd. ○ Cigarette Tax Increase – Dawn Wilde also stated that at the next Board of Health meeting, Mr. Bruckner will cover the topic of increasing the tax on cigarettes. Mr. Bruckner will present a resolution to the Board of Health and ask them to support it. This resolution backs legislation to raise the cigarette tax by \$1. ○ Girls on the Run – Jennifer Hollifield explained that the Girls on the Run program would be starting at Mountain View Intermediate. Ms. Hollifield said the program would be held twice a week on Monday and Wednesday. ○ School Gardens – Kathy McGaha and Jennifer Hollifield are currently working with a School Gardens project. Ms. McGaha said a grant had been received and certain schools would be partnering with Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project. ○ Heart Health Month – Jennifer Hollifield said February was Heart Health Month. Ms. Hollifield said a Heart Health Walk had been planned for February 19th. This event will begin at Tartan Hall and registration will start at 10:30. ○ Pancake Breakfast – Teresa Breedlove explained that a Pancake Breakfast will be held on February 26th from 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM at Fatz Café. The tickets will be \$7.00 and all proceeds will benefit AMC Cardiac Patients. 		<p>The Heart Health Walk was cancelled.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Food Bill – Kathy McGaha passed out a handout on the recent Food Bill. Ms. McGaha said she hoped this information would help the committee members in understanding what the Food Bill covered. ○ Access Care Programs – Sherry Dills updated the committee members on the programs that Access Care is currently covering, with some new programs starting March 1st. ○ Status of the Healthy Carolinian Program – Kathy McGaha explained that with the current budget constraints for the state, the Healthy Carolinians Program will be changing. Ms. McGaha said the Healthy Carolinian main office had been disbanded. Ms. McGaha explained that changes will also be happening locally, but that at present she did not know what those would be. 		
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Chronic Disease Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 15 th , from 8:30 – 10:00 AM in the Video Conference Room at Angel Medical Center.		