

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Substance Abuse Task Force

DATE: April 27, 2011

PLACE: Health and Human Services Building

TIME: 3:00 – 4:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Stephanie Almeida, Sarah Altman, Rhonda Blanton, Jim Bottomley, Anthony Corbin, Jennifer Garrett, Marci Holland, Robert Holland and Patti Tiberi

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Tony Corbin welcomed everyone to today’s meeting of the Substance Abuse Task Force. Mr. Corbin asked the task force members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Jennifer Garrett motioned for the approval of the minutes. Sarah Altman 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Drug Hotline Update	Jennifer Garrett updated the task force members on the drug hotline. Ms. Garrett stated that she had not received a response from the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (APP) of North Carolina. Ms. Garrett stated that she will follow-up with APP and report back at the next meeting. Patti Tiberi complimented Ms. Garrett on this idea and suggested that this might be a good opportunity for other Healthy Carolinians groups. The other task force members also thanked her for her work on this project.	Jennifer Garrett will follow-up on a response from APP and report back at the next meeting.	
Synthetic Drug Legislation	Robby Holland reported that the Synthetic Drug Legislation has passed in North Carolina and goes into effect on July 1 st . Mr. Holland reminded the task force members to visit one of our local “head shops” and check out all the items they are offering for sale – particularly the bath salts. Mr. Holland thanked the task force members that had already visited a “head shop”. Mr. Holland also asked the task force members to check out one of the local “head shops” Facebook page. He stated that they will be surprised at the number of friends. Mr. Holland stated that adults and especially parents should check out Facebook pages of local businesses that sell products like bath salts and synthetic marijuana.	Robby Holland reminded the task force members to visit the local “head shops”. Robby Holland asked the task force members to check out one of the local “head shops” Facebook page.	

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	<p>Ms. Blanton passed out a recent newspaper article titled – <i>Madison High students sickened by synthetic marijuana</i>. These three students had reportedly started acting strange in class. One student had convulsions and the other two students became pale and passive. Madison High School reported that this is the second recent incidence involving synthetic marijuana.</p>		
<p>Pill Crusher Event Update</p>	<p>Robby Holland updated the task force members on the Pill Crusher Event. Mr. Holland said the event was held over three days in Highlands and around 11,000 pills were collected. He stated that in Franklin the event was only held on one day (March 26th) and collected around 58,000 pills.</p> <p>The task force members were very pleased with the number of pills collected, but stated that they would still like to have a permanent year-end collection location. The task force members said several towns around us (Clayton, Waynesville and Asheville) did have a permanent collection location.</p> <p>The task force members agreed to continue discussing this topic and be open for any opportunities to make this happen.</p>		
<p>Update Middle School Project</p>	<p>Marci Holland passed around the top five designs for the flyer and the task force members voted on them. Ms. Holland stated that she would take the designs back to Ms. Mahler and give her the results of our vote.</p> <p>Ms. Holland also updated the task force members on the RISE group at Franklin High School. Ms. Holland said the RISE group was currently promoting the Prom Promise Program at Franklin High School.</p> <p>Ms. Holland informed the task force members that the program will involve two young men who will present</p>		

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	<p>their own personal stories of DWI accidents. The program is titled – “Live above the Influence”. Ms. Holland said this is a very powerful program and invited the task force members to attend one of the two presentations that will be held in the FHS Fine Arts Center.</p> <p>The two presentations are on: May 18th at 8:30 AM for the FHS students May 19th at 7:00 PM for the parents of FHS juniors and seniors. The general public can also attend this session.</p>		
Other Items for Discussion:	<p>Other Items for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teen Institute – Patti Tiberi informed the task force members that the Teen Institute Camp would be held at Mars Hill on June 20th – June 24th. The cost is \$750 for one adult and four kids. There will be a local carwash fundraiser to help cover these costs. Ms. Tiberi said she would also approach the county commissioners about possibly helping to cover these costs. ○ Shoulder Tap Program – Stephanie Almeida said she is still interested in doing the Shoulder Tap Program locally. Mr. Holland expressed some concerns about doing it locally. Ms. Almeida said training and adult supervision would be needed to do this program. ○ American Athletic Institute – Rhonda Blanton stated that the American Athletic Institute had recently emailed her a brochure titled – <i>Basic Shoulder Tap Program</i>. Ms. Blanton passed a copy around for the task force members to review. 		
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Substance Abuse Task Force will be set at a later date.		