

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Strengthening Families Committee

DATE: April 7, 2011

PLACE: CARENET

TIME: 12:00 N – 1:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Rhonda Blanton, Kristi Case, Jennifer Garrett, Ron Haven, Robert Holland, Colin McCandless and Kathy McGaha

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Kathy McGaha welcomed everyone to today’s meeting of the Strengthening Families Committee. Ms. McGaha asked the committee members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Jennifer Garrett motioned for the approval of the minutes. Sheriff Holland 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Grant	Kathy McGaha next discussed the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Grant. Ms. McGaha said she had received information from Kristi Case, and had forwarded this information onto Chuck Sutton. Mr. Sutton was working on the Letter of Intent. Since several members were not at some of the past meetings, Kristi Case briefly reviewed several topics for them that this committee had discussed in the past: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southwestern Continuum of Care• HEARTH Act• Shelter Plus Care• Supportive Housing Program• American Recovery and Reinvestment Act		
Next Project	Kathy McGaha asked the committee members to consider if they want to continue working exclusively on homelessness, pick a new topic, or work on homelessness and another topic. One suggestion was to promote the Resource Center and make sure everyone knows the phone number, where it is located and that it is for everyone. Ms. Garrett suggested using a billboard to get this information out. Mr. Haven suggested partnering with the TDA to promote the Resource Center.		

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	<p>Mr. McCandless stated that he had talked recently with an officer from the Sheriff’s Department. He stated the officer was concerned that the local homeless numbers had increased. Mr. McCandless thought it would be nice to have a list of local contact numbers (like CARENET and the Resource Center) posted where these people would most likely see it.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha stated that at the next meeting when more members are present, she would ask the question again about what topic(s) this committee wants to work on. Ms. McGaha thanked the committee members for the suggestion to promote the Resource Center.</p>		
Other Items for Discussion	<p>Other Items for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CARENET Funds – Kathy McGaha (reporting for Vanessa Bailey) updated the committee members on CARENET and its current fund balance. Ms. McGaha said that current funds are covering the cost of food only. There are no extra funds available to cover emergency situations like housing, electricity, etc. Ms. McGaha said several factors (unemployment, foreclosures and increase in backpack program needs) play into this. ○ Clean Slate Coalition – Kristi Case reported that the Clean Slate Coalition in Jackson County is now accepting applications for women needing transitional housing. 		
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Strengthening Families Committee will be set at a later date.		