

**MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Access to Care Committee**

**DATE:** February 1, 2008

**PLACE:** Angel Medical Center

**TIME:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**ATTENDEES:** Jim Bruckner, Dorothy Crawford, Tammy Dills, Jim Dubose, Sheila Franks, Michael Golightly Lisa Hilliard, Diane Keener, Jane Kimsey, Kathy McGaha, Jim Thurmond and Linda Tyler

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	<p>Lisa Hilliard welcomed everyone to today’s meeting of the Access to Care Committee. Ms. Hilliard asked the committee members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Diane Keener motioned for the approval of the minutes. Dorothy Crawford 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.</p>		
Introductions	<p>Kathy McGaha asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha asked Jim Dubose to explain how medical care is accessed for veterans and the current status of the outpatient clinic proposed for Franklin. Mr. Dubose explained the requirements of eligibility for veterans to obtain health care. Mr. Dubose next stated that the new VA Community-based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in Franklin is expected to open in June. Mr. Dubose was skeptical that the VA would meet the June deadline because of the building’s renovation needs. The facility will be located on Wayah Street in a building owned by F.P. “Bodie” Bodenheimer.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha also gave a brief update of the clinic that Dr. Vargas is working on. Ms. McGaha said Dr. Vargas has submitted his 501 (c) (3) application. Ms. McGaha said he is currently accepting benefactors (his goal is 300). Ms. McGaha said his hope was to open the clinic by July 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha said that Dr. Vargas wanted her to encourage this committee to include the Perpetual Health Clinic as part of the Access to Care Planning Process, and that he would be happy to help out where he can.</p>		

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<p>Access to Care Issues (Background)</p>	<p>Kathy McGaha gave a brief review of the background of Healthy Carolinians and the Access to Care Issues. Ms. McGaha explained that Healthy Carolinians conducts a Community Health Assessment every four years. Ms. McGaha stated that Healthy Carolinians had just completed one. Ms. McGaha stated that one target area from the last assessment was Access to Care. Ms. McGaha explained that this committee had been investigating the possibility of starting a “free clinic” in the Franklin area. Ms. McGaha said several members of this committee had recently met with representatives of the Community Care Clinic to discuss working with them. Ms. McGaha explained that this option did not work out.</p>		
<p>Vision for Access to Care (Brainstorming)</p>	<p>Kathy McGaha next asked the committee members what the Vision (Desired State) is for this project. After a group discussion the committee members decided that the main vision was – Access to Healthcare for every Macon resident, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Physical, Mental and Dental as well as Vision, Primary Care, Meds and Lab</li> <li>▪ Sustainable</li> <li>▪ Collaborative Effort including specialists</li> <li>▪ Transportation</li> <li>▪ Physical Accessibility (Parking, facility, etc.)</li> <li>▪ Affordable</li> <li>▪ Qualified/Trained workforce and services</li> <li>▪ Continuity of Care (Medical Home)</li> <li>▪ Include preventive services and chronic disease management</li> <li>▪ Patient Dignity</li> </ul> <p>The committee members also discussed the desired vision of what to build. The committee members decided on the following – A Comprehensive Primary Care Clinic offering Physical, Mental, Dental, Ancillary</p>		

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Break for Lunch	Lunch was provided by Marty Wadewitz and Angel Medical Center.		
Select Priority Interventions by group's criteria	<p>Kathy McGaha next asked the committee members to select priority interventions by the group's criteria. After a group discussion, the committee members listed and ranked the following Goals/Objectives of the Clinic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Define Target Population/Eligibility</li> <li>2. Improve Health Status               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Be Culturally Sensitive</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Sustainable funds/initial start up money and Seek FQHC (research)</li> <li>4. Community Support               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Awareness</li> <li>➤ Local experiences</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		
Identify Initial Steps/Strategies and Assign Agency Responsibilities	<p>Kathy McGaha next asked the committee members to identify initial steps/strategies and assign agency responsibilities. Ms. McGaha led the committee members through a group discussion to further consider and discuss these steps and strategies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Define Target Population/Eligibility           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate Demographic Data – Jane Kimsey, Jim Bruckner, Kathy McGaha – Feb. 22, 2008</li> <li>• Review Community Health Assessment – Kathy McGaha – Feb. 22, 2008</li> <li>• Review Uncompensated Care for Angel Medical Center and Angel Urgent Care – Marty Wadewitz, Tammy Dills, Dr. Golightly – Feb. 22, 2008</li> <li>• Breakdown Health Status – Feb. 22, 2008</li> <li>• Review who uses FQHC – Kathy McGaha – Feb. 22, 2008</li> <li>• Establish Clinic's Eligibility Requirements – HC Access to Care</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Committee</p> <p>2. Improve Health Status (Assignment for Access to Care Committee Members for the next meeting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define Needed Services (Gaps)</li> <li>• Identify Collaborators</li> <li>• Identify Resources that lead to the development of services</li> <li>• Identify Services that can be created</li> <li>• Explore alternative resources to expand services</li> </ul> <p>3. Start-up and Sustainable Money</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore Association/Foundation Funding</li> <li>• Incorporate Available Local Resources</li> <li>• Community Fundraiser/Awareness</li> <li>• Explore County Appropriation for start-up funding (Similar to dental fee model)</li> <li>• Identify Cost for Services for Basic Model</li> <li>• Review Payer Sources</li> </ul> <p>4. Ongoing Community Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media Support</li> <li>• Develop Local Stories</li> <li>• Identify/Include Consumers in Planning, Implementation and Evaluation Process</li> <li>• Inform/Educate/Garner Support from Community Providers, Businesses, Industry, Churches, Etc.</li> </ul>		
<p>Evaluation (Measurement): How do we know if we are successful?</p>	<p>The committee members agreed to further discuss this topic at the next meeting.</p>		
<p>Who else needs to be here?</p>	<p>Kathy McGaha asked the committee members to reconsider who else needs to be invited to attend the next meeting. Ms. McGaha asked the committee members to review the list of names that were suggested at the last meeting.</p>		

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	<p>Ms. McGaha asked the committee members who would volunteer to contact these names and invite them to the next meeting. The following committee members volunteered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Vanessa Bailey – Jane Kimsey</li><li>➤ Jeff King – Tammy Dills</li><li>➤ Jim Davis – Jim Bruckner</li><li>➤ Ronnie Beale – Jim Bruckner</li><li>➤ Jack Horton – Jim Bruckner</li><li>➤ Office of Rural Health representative – Jim Bruckner</li></ul>		
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting date of the Access to Care Committee will be held on Friday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup> in the Video Conference Room at Angel Medical Center from 12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM.		