

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

DATE: June 22, 2009

PLACE: Health and Human Services Building

TIME: 12:00 N – 1:00 PM

ATTENDEES: Amira Alarcon, Vanessa Bailey, Rhonda Blanton, Jim Bruckner, Dorothy Crawford, John Crawford, Tammy Dills, Barbara Helm, Jerry Hermanson, Lisa Hilliard, Tracy Hord, Jane Kimsey, Kathy McGaha, Jackie Romanski, Bea Sanford, Nancy Scott, Jim Thurmond, Linda Tyler, and Marty Wadewitz

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Welcome and Approval of Minutes	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. Jane Kimsey motioned for the approval of the minutes. Linda Tyler 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Introductions	Lisa Hilliard asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented.		
Purpose of Meeting	<p>Kathy McGaha welcomed the Perpetual Health Board Members and other interested guests attending today's meeting. Ms. McGaha stated that Dr. Vargas had requested this meeting between the two committees.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha gave a brief history of the Access to Care Committee and reviewed different projects and issues this committee had worked on. Ms. McGaha said this committee had been working on the issue of a Free Clinic in the Franklin area, but currently this issue had been placed on hold due to many factors. Ms. McGaha listed some of the factors involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lack of a lead agent▪ Lack of identifying a lead physician▪ State of the current economy▪ Funding		
Where do we go from here? Discussion about the primary care needs in the Franklin area.	<p>Kathy McGaha led a group discussion on how this committee can proceed with the issue of primary care needs in the Franklin area.</p> <p>Jerry Hermanson, of the Community Care Clinic in Highlands, explained how funding and support were obtained to start the Community Care Clinic. Mr.</p>		

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	<p>Hermanson explained that start-up funds are available from the North Carolina Association of Free Clinics. Mr. Hermanson also reviewed the breakdown of funding sources that are currently supporting the Community Care Clinic.</p> <p>Jim Bruckner explained the biggest need was for a lead agent (or group) to proceed forward with this project. Mr. Bruckner stated that this committee would be willing to help and assist a lead agent. Mr. Hermanson also volunteered to assist. Mr. Hermanson said he could assist by offering copies of the Community Care Clinic By-laws, roles of board members and funding breakdowns.</p> <p>Jackie Romanski, a Perpetual Health Board member, explained that they were in the process of trying to obtain their non-profit status. Ms. Romanski said that currently the board was not actively working on anything else. Ms. Romanski also stated that their board had consisted of some members who were no longer involved with this project.</p> <p>Mr. Bruckner suggested that both groups meet again and decide if support is there for this project to proceed. Jim Thurmond and Ms. Romanski suggested that they would contact past and current board members and ask if interest was there to pursue this project further. Barbara Helm offered to contact Dr. Vargas and obtain the names of all past and current board members and contact them.</p>	<p>Barbara Helm will contact Dr. Vargas to obtain names of past and current Perpetual Health board members. Ms. Helm will then contact them.</p>	
Other Items for Discussion	<p>Other Items for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tammy Dills invited everyone to a reception in honor of Dr. Vargas. The reception will be held on Tuesday, June 30th, starting at 2:00 PM in the Dining Room area at Angel Medical Center. 		

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Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Access to Care Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 21 st , from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM in Meeting Rooms A/B at the Health and Human Services Building.		