

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

DATE: July 26, 2010

PLACE: Angel Medical Center

TIME: 12:00 N – 1:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Sarah Altman, Rhonda Blanton, Dorothy Crawford, Tammy Dills, Jerry Hermanson, Lisa Hilliard, Jane Kimsey, Kathy McGaha, Jim Thurmond and Martin Wadewitz

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
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. Marty Wadewitz motioned for the approval of the minutes. Jerry Hermanson 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Update on Adult Dental Program at MCPHC	<p>Kathy McGaha updated the committee members on the Adult Dental Program. Ms. McGaha explained that Dr. Oliver had turned in his resignation, effective at the end of this month.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha stated that Dr. Oliver will operate a dental practice in downtown Franklin and will be accepting Medicaid patients. Ms. McGaha said the Health Department is currently looking for his replacement. Ms. McGaha said one possible option is to use a temporary dentist till a permanent replacement can be found.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha said she wanted to inform the committee members of this situation, since this committee had been so involved in the start-up of both the adult and children dental clinics.</p>		
Federally Qualified Health Centers	<p>Kathy McGaha said that Jerry Hermanson and she had recently attended a regional FQHC meeting in Sylva on June 25th. This event was co-sponsored by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust and The Good Samaritan Clinic of Haywood County.</p> <p>Jerry Hermanson said the discussion had centered on a proposed stimulus package to expand FQHC's. The federal government has made money available for newly designated FQHC's; in a two-year funding cycle in an</p>		

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	<p>amount up to \$650,000 annually.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha said that regionally stakeholders are considering options of working together to apply for this status. Ms. McGaha said several organizations applying as one might present a strong front.</p>		
<p>Next Access to Care Topic?</p>	<p>Kathy McGaha next asked the committee members to further consider what topic(s) that this committee would undertake next. Ms. McGaha asked each committee member to make possible suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Jerry Hermanson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mental Health ▪ Grant Opportunities 2) Dorothy Crawford <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Specific need for more psychiatrist's 3) Sarah Altman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Substance Abuse (Need for more providers) 4) Kathy McGaha <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue consideration of FQHC's by this committee ▪ Continue attending regional meetings on FQHC's ▪ Get more information on healthcare reform <p>Jane Kimsey has a PowerPoint presentation from Pam Silverman that is very good and she would like for every committee member to see it. Ms. Kimsey will forward it to Ms. Blanton, so she can send it to every committee member.</p> <p>Kathy McGaha thanked everyone for attending today's meeting and asked them to continue brainstorming on what topic(s) this committee will undertake next.</p>	<p>Jane Kimsey will forward the PowerPoint presentation to Rhonda Blanton to forward onto the committee members.</p>	
<p>Other Items for Discussion</p>	<p>Other Items for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Institute of Medicine will be hosting a meeting – <i>Health Care Reform and Future</i> 		

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	<p><i>Workforce Needs: Addressing the Needs of Racial and Ethnic Minority Patients and Other Undeserved Populations.</i> This meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13th in Washington, D.C.</p>		
Next Meeting Date	<p>The next meeting of the Access to Care Committee will be held on Monday, September 27th, from 12:00 N – 1:00 PM in the Administrative Conference Room at Angel Medical Center.</p>		