

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

**DATE:** August 26, 2008

**PLACE:** Health and Human Services Building

**TIME:** 2:30 – 3:30 PM

**ATTENDEES:** Rhonda Blanton, Jim Bruckner, Dorothy Crawford, Tammy Dills, M.R. Hall, Lisa Hilliard, Jane Kimsey, Judy Kuehn, Kathy McGaha, Jim Thurmond, Carlos Vargas and Martin Wadewitz

**GUEST:** Tracy Hord

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. Jane Kimsey motioned for the approval of the minutes. Jim Bruckner 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Introductions	Lisa Hilliard asked each task force member to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented.		
Advisory Committee for Family Planning	<p>Kathy McGaha introduced Tracy Hord. Ms. Hord is a Registered Nurse that works in Family Planning at the Health Department. Ms. Hord explained to the committee members that the Health Department is currently undergoing an Accreditation Process to be accredited by the state.</p> <p>Ms. Hord stated that one component needed by Family Planning was to have an Advisory Committee. Ms. Hord explained that this committee needed to consist of 5 – 9 members that broadly represented the community. Ms. Hord said the committee would review efforts to market MCPHC's Family Planning Service and any new materials distributed. Ms. Hord then asked the committee members if this committee would consider being the Advisory Committee for Family Planning.</p> <p>After a group discussion, Jane Kimsey made a motion for this committee to also function as the Advisory Committee for Family Planning. Judy Kuehn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, with all committee members in agreement.</p>		

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<p>Provider Meeting</p>	<p>Lisa Hilliard then asked Jim Bruckner, Marty Wadewitz and Kathy McGaha to report on the Provider Meeting to the committee members.</p> <p>Marty Wadewitz listed who was in attendance at the Provider Meeting. Mr. Wadewitz stated the participants were very attentive and made several good comments and suggestions.</p> <p>Kathy McGaha explained the process of how the providers were invited. Ms. McGaha first contacted the office manager of each physician that was invited and explained the reason for this meeting. Ms. McGaha then mailed an invitation to each physician. Rhonda Blanton later did a phone reminder for the date and time of the meeting.</p> <p>Jim Bruckner listed some points that were made during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most uninsured in the Franklin area are now using the Emergency Department or Angel Urgent Care for their medical needs.</li> <li>• Some local doctor practices are currently taking a limited number of uninsured patients.</li> <li>• The participants at the meeting did not like the concept of a free clinic.</li> <li>• The group discussed what initial costs would be involved in the start up of a clinic.</li> <li>• The group also discussed who would be eligible and factors needed to be considered to make this determination.</li> <li>• Where would the clinic be located and who would hire and staff the clinic?</li> <li>• What about the sustainability of this project?</li> <li>• Continuation of a patient’s care needed to be considered.</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A suggestion was made to get the local ministerial groups involved with this project.</li> </ul>		
Next Steps	<p>The committee members considered the comments and information gathered from the Provider’s Meeting and after a group discussion agreed on the following next steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A meeting between county representatives and Franklin hospital representatives. Suggested participants were Jim Bruckner, Jack Horton, Marty Wadewitz and Tim Hubbs. This meeting will help in the development of a model for this project. (Rhonda Blanton will set up a meeting date and time.)</li> <li>Meet with the local pharmacies to set up the medication assistance part for this project.</li> <li>Next conduct community conversations to find out what is available in our community to assist with this project and make our local community more aware of what we are trying to achieve.</li> </ol>	Rhonda Blanton will set up a meeting date and time for a meeting with Jim Bruckner, Jack Horton, Marty Wadewitz and Tim Hubbs.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting for the Access to Care Committee will be held on Monday, September 29 <sup>th</sup> , from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM in Meeting Rooms A/B at the Health and Human Services Building.		