

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

DATE: September 29, 2008 **PLACE:** Health and Human Services Building

TIME: 3:00 – 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES: Rhonda Blanton, Jim Bruckner, Dorothy Crawford, Julie Durham-Defee, Lisa Hilliard, Jane Kimsey, Kathy McGaha, Jim Thurmond, Linda Tyler and Martin Wadewitz

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Kathy McGaha welcomed everyone to today’s meeting of the Access to Care Committee. Lisa Hilliard asked the committee members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Jane Kimsey motioned for the approval of the minutes. Dorothy Crawford 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
County and AMC Leadership Discussion/Access to Primary Care	<p>Lisa Hilliard asked Jim Bruckner to inform the committee members about the County and AMC Leadership Discussion/Access to Primary Care meeting that was recently held. Attending were Jack Horton, Tim Hubbs, Marty Wadewitz and Mr. Bruckner.</p> <p>Mr. Bruckner said this group met and discussed the issue of Access to Primary Care for the Franklin community. Mr. Bruckner said Angel Medical Center stated at this time they would provide support but not facilitate being the main site to provide this access care.</p> <p>Kathy McGaha next reviewed with the committee members the different Best Practice Models for Access to Primary Care that have been examined and discussed in the previous meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Free clinics▪ Project Access▪ Model for Perpetual Care being used by Dr. Vargas▪ Federally Qualified Health Center i.e.: MedLink in Clayton, GA <p>The committee members were in agreement that they did not want to currently pursue any of these models. Mr. Bruckner said another option was to have a physician set</p>		

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	<p>up under a non-profit organization and operating out of a facility in Franklin.</p> <p>Jane Kimsey explained the Ticket to Work program to the committee members. Ms. Kimsey stated that this is a program for people with disabilities who are interested in going to work. Ms. Kimsey said to be a participant in this program the applicant must be working, meet poverty guidelines and have a medical condition that prevents them from obtaining insurance through an employer or privately.</p> <p>The committee members were in agreement that the next step is to do a presentation of this committee’s findings to the Board of Commissioners. Jim Bruckner and Kathy McGaha volunteered to prepare a draft of the presentation with recommendations and bring the draft to the next meeting for the committee members to review. The next meeting for the Board of Commissioners is December 8th.</p>	<p>Jim Bruckner and Kathy McGaha volunteered to prepare a draft of the presentation that will be presented to the Macon County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bruckner and Ms. McGaha will bring the draft of the presentation with recommendations to the next meeting.</p>	
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting for the Access to Care Committee will be held on Monday, November 17 th , from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM in Meeting Rooms A/B at the Health and Human Services Building.		