

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

DATE: September 27, 2010

PLACE: Angel Medical Center

TIME: 12:00 N – 1:00 PM

ATTENDEES: Sarah Altman, Rhonda Blanton, Dorothy Crawford, John Crawford, Jerry Hermanson, Lisa Hilliard, Jane Kimsey, Kathy McGaha, Linda Tyler and Martin Wadewitz

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. Sarah Altman motioned for the approval of the minutes. Jane Kimsey 2nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.</p>		
Monitoring Healthcare Reform	<p>Kathy McGaha reminded the committee members that at the last meeting; the committee members had agreed to monitor healthcare reform. The committee members had agreed that with the new healthcare reform and its many facets; to better understand its guiding principles and how it will affect everyone.</p> <p>Jane Kimsey forwarded an article titled <i>What Does Health Reform Mean for North Carolina</i> (from the North Carolina Medical Journal) to Rhonda Blanton. Ms. Blanton forwarded this information to all the committee members for their review. The committee members thanked Ms. Kimsey for forwarding this useful information to them.</p> <p>Jane Kimsey reminded the committee members that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) will be phased in over the next four years (2010 -2014). This bill will require most Americans to have health insurance coverage and would add 16 million people to the Medicaid rolls.</p> <p>Kathy McGaha informed the committee members that this article has been placed on the HCMC webpage. Ms. McGaha asked the committee members to further study this article and bring any useful reform information to the</p>		

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	<p>next meeting.</p> <p>Jane Kimsey stated there is a lot of other articles and information that the committee members could also read to better understand this bill. Ms. Kimsey and Ms. McGaha reviewed the following PowerPoint presentation on health care reform with committee members – http://www.nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/nationalhealthreform-6-12-2010.pdf.</p>		
<p>Integrated Mental Health Care</p>	<p>Lisa Hilliard next asked the committee members to continue the discussion on integrated mental health care. At the last meeting, Mr. Hermanson had spoken some on this topic.</p> <p>Jerry Hermanson said he had been checking out grant opportunities for integrated mental health care. Mr. Hermanson said there were some available grant opportunities, but most funding is for limited medical services.</p> <p>Jane Kimsey questioned if obtaining any funding from the Evergreen Foundation was a possibility. Mr. Hermanson said he would check further into this possible opportunity.</p> <p>Jerry Hermanson said the Community Care Clinic in Franklin has been able to use the services of Mike Neidig. Mr. Hermanson said this arrangement has really worked for the Franklin clinic and he would like to also offer something similar in Highlands.</p> <p>Lisa Hilliard asked the committee members to continue looking into the issue of integrated mental health care and discuss it further at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Jerry Hermanson will check on any funding opportunities with the Evergreen Foundation.</p>	

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Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Access to Care Committee will be held on Monday, November 15 th , from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM in the Video Conference Room at Angel Medical Center.		