

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

**DATE:** December 2, 2008

**PLACE:** Health and Human Services Building

**TIME:** 3:00 – 5:00 PM

**ATTENDEES:** Rhonda Blanton, Jim Bruckner, M.R. Hall, Lisa Hilliard, Jane Kimsey, Kathy McGaha, Jim Thurmond and Linda Tyler

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. Lisa Hilliard asked the committee members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Linda Tyler motioned for the approval of the minutes. M.R. Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.</p>		
Business Plan: Access to Primary Care	<p>Jim Bruckner updated the committee members on the Access to Primary Care issue. Kathy McGaha and Mr. Bruckner have met once to discuss the draft of the presentation to be presented to the Macon County Board of Commissioners. This draft will also include recommendations from this committee. Mr. Bruckner and Ms. McGaha will have additional meetings to work on the draft.</p> <p>Mr. Bruckner and Ms. McGaha briefly reviewed the process up to this point. The committee members agreed that several options had been investigated and discussed in depth.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha brought a copy of the Health Center New Access Point Grant Application for the committee members to review. This application process will be used as an outline to develop the Access to Primary Care Business Plan. The committee members agreed the application was quite lengthy and would be intensive to fill out.</p>		
Update on Access to Mental Health	<p>Kathy McGaha updated the committee members on Access to Mental Health. Ms. McGaha said the Macon County Mental Health Task Force has been meeting regularly. Ms. McGaha said a HCMC sub-committee (Mental Health Committee) has been formed to assist the</p>		

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	<p>Mental Health Task Force.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha reviewed some of the topics that the Mental Health Task Force have been working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ A Transportation Sub-Committee was formed to solely review and discuss options dealing with the mental health transportation issue for Macon County.</li> <li>❖ Two proposals were received for the School Based Mental Health Services. Ms. McGaha said a group of Core School personnel will review the two proposals.</li> <li>❖ Smoky Mountain Center has initiated provider meetings in Macon County. These meetings are one of three factors that Smoky Mountain Center was to deal with.</li> <li>❖ The 160A Service Authority for Mental Health Services is still being considered by Macon County and the other six surrounding counties. This option would form a new agency operating in the seven western counties to handle mental health services including emergency services, psychiatric services and crisis stabilization services.</li> <li>❖ The 211 option is still being considered for a local information/referral line for Macon County.</li> </ul>		
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting for the Access to Care Committee will be scheduled at a later date.		