

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Board of Directors

DATE: June 30, 2009

PLACE: Health and Human Services Building

TIME: 9:30 – 11:00 AM

ATTENDEES: Rhonda Blanton, Jim Bruckner, Lisa Hilliard, Teresa Mallonee, Kathy McGaha, Yvonne Smith, Roberta Swank, Martin Wadewitz and Vince West

GUEST: Rachel Rosner

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Teresa Mallonee welcomed everyone to today’s meeting of the Board of Directors. Ms. Mallonee asked the board members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Vince West motioned for the approval of the minutes. Jim Bruckner 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Introductions	Kathy McGaha introduced today’s guest – Rachel Rosner. Ms. Rosner is the consultant for the regional project on health equity. Ms. Rosner is based out of Asheville and covers six counties including Macon. Ms. McGaha then asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented.		
Healthy Carolinians State Budget	Kathy McGaha said she wanted to update the board members on the status of Healthy Carolinians during the current state budget process. Ms. McGaha said that originally the state was cutting the budget for Healthy Carolinians State Office. Ms. McGaha said the most current plans were to only partially reduce the budget for the Healthy Carolinians State Office. Ms. McGaha said as the state budget process continued, she would keep everyone informed.		
HCMC Minority Participation	Kathy McGaha stated that she wanted to revisit the issue of minority participation in HCMC. Ms. McGaha stated that during the recent certification process, the one area that HCMC needed improvement in was more active minority representation in HCMC and its leadership roles. Ms. McGaha reminded the board members of the recent		

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	<p>departure of Dr. Vargas and how this would leave an opening on HCMC’s Board of Directors. Ms. McGaha asked the board members to consider possible minority candidates to approach about joining HCMC. Ms. McGaha said she will further discuss this topic at the next meeting.</p>		
<p>Unnatural Causes Introduction to Action Planning</p>	<p>Rachel Rosner briefly reviewed the regional project involving <i>Unnatural Causes</i>. Ms. Rosner reminded the board members that this project will end in October.</p> <p>Ms. Rosner explained that the first phase of this project involved the use of the <i>Unnatural Causes</i> film as an educational tool. Ms. Rosner said the second phase would involve priority/action planning.</p> <p>Ms. Rosner asked the board members to remember that health equity should offer a broader view of health besides just diet and exercise. Locally, Ms. Rosner said she has reviewed our past Community Health Assessment and wanted to build on the priorities from that assessment.</p> <p>Ms. Rosner explained that the priority/action planning would start during the Steering Committee being held next month. Ms. Rosner asked the board members to please attend the upcoming Steering Committee meeting.</p>		
<p>Strengthening Families Letter</p>	<p>Kathy McGaha reminded the board members of the Strengthening Families letter that had been discussed at the last meeting. Ms. McGaha said that Jim Bruckner had reminded her that HCMC doesn’t endorse specific organizations or projects.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha said she had met with Vanessa Bailey and they had redone the letter on CARENET letterhead. Ms. McGaha said the letter did now state that this was an agenda item for the Strengthening Families Committee.</p>		

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Extra Committees	<p>Kathy McGaha informed the board members that Rhonda Blanton and she have been asked to attend committee meetings outside of HCMC committees. Ms. McGaha and Ms. Blanton are currently involved with the Mental Health Task Force and the Childcare Issues Committee. Ms. Blanton is also assisting with the upcoming U.S. Census.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha explained that she wanted the board members aware of these committees. Ms. McGaha also said that in the future there is a chance they might be appointed or be asked to attend some other committee meetings.</p>		
Other Items for Discussion	<p>Other Items for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vince West asked about the Moderator Training classes that Kathy McGaha, Rhonda Blanton and Teresa Breedlove attended. Ms. McGaha stated that the classes were very informative and helpful. ○ Kathy McGaha informed the board members that she would be contacting Jane Kimsey about activating the Nomination Committee. Ms. McGaha said with the departure of Dr. Vargas, there is now another opening on the board. 		
Next Meeting Date	<p>The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, September 10th, from 9:30 AM – 12:00 N in Meeting Rooms A/B at the Health and Human Services Building.</p>		<p>The time of the meeting has been changed. It is now scheduled from 10:00 AM – 12:00 N.</p>