

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Elder Care and Caregivers Committee

DATE: May 11, 2010

PLACE: Senior Services Center

TIME: 12:00 N – 1:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Rhonda Blanton, Dorothy Crawford, John Crawford, Courtney Gibson, Lisa Hilliard, Leslie Lawson, Kathy McGaha, Cindy Miles, Teresa Murray, Sheila Southard and Vince West

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Sheila Southard welcomed everyone to today's meeting of the Elder Care and Caregivers Committee. Ms. Southard asked the committee members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Vince West motioned for the approval of the minutes. Lisa Hilliard 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Introductions	Sheila Southard asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented.		
Senior Expo and Health Fair Feedback	<p>Kathy McGaha asked the committee members for feedback from the recent Senior Expo and Health Fair that was held on April 29th. The following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. West said the Senior Game representatives enjoyed the meal that was served to them.• Ms. Blanton said several people had requested more screenings. The only screenings offered this year were blood pressure and balance testing/physical therapy.• Ms. Blanton said since the county staff could not put the gym floor cover down till that morning, there had been some delay in the set-up of the tables that morning.• Several good responses had been received on the entertainment offered this year.• Ms. McGaha said there had been confusion over the non-profit booths. Ms. McGaha stated that she had sent out an initial email to the non-profits from last year explaining that the radio station would be in charge of the event this year. Ms. McGaha said that non-profits had contacted her stating there was confusion on how everything was being handled.		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Southard stated that she would like a representative from the radio station to report at a future meeting and give their feedback. <p>The committee members discussed if this is the best location for this event. One suggestion was to consider the National Guard Armory. The committee members thought the location was not as good and the size of the armory was probably a little less.</p> <p>Ms. Southard said she had received a flyer on the upcoming Healthy Living Festival in Jackson County (this is their equivalent to our Senior Expo) on May 14th. Ms. Southard stated that she would like to attend this and asked if any other committee members wanted to go. Dorothy Crawford, John Crawford and Rhonda Blanton volunteered to go with her.</p>	<p>Sheila Southard, Dorothy Crawford, John Crawford and Rhonda Blanton will attend the Healthy Living Festival in Jackson County on May 14th.</p>	
<p>Senior Friendly Presentation</p>	<p>Kathy McGaha stated that the Full Partnership Meeting is scheduled for July 16th from 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM at Macon Bank Corporate Center. Ms. McGaha explained that there will be two presentations that morning. One presentation will cover Senior Friendly Communities and the other one will focus on the Franklin Free Clinic.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha had sent out a list to the Steering Committee with several suggestions for them to pick two from. The list included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Obesity ▪ Free Clinic ▪ Senior Friendly Community ▪ Water Quality ▪ Other <p>Cindy Miles offered to be the main speaker for this topic. Ms. Miles said she is basically ready and looking forward to promoting this topic and getting more</p>		

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	<p>information on it out to other HCMC members. Ms. McGaha and the other committee members offered their assistance if she needed it.</p>		
Other Items for Discussion	<p>Other Items for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kathy McGaha reported that one proposed budget cut by Governor Perdue is to adult Medicaid dental benefits. Ms McGaha said the proposal is to limit Medicaid reimbursement to emergency dental services only. It would not cover cleanings, fillings, or restorative procedures. Ms. Crawford stated that she is greatly concerned about this and that the committee members needed to stay aware of this issue. ○ The committee members also discussed commitments of the elderly; specifically by family members. The committee members further discussed this topic and agreed that offering training on elder issues to magistrates would be beneficial. ○ Rhonda Blanton informed the committee members that Michael Rich had resigned from the 30th Alliance. Mr. Rich will be the Director of Extension Education – Plus 50 Programs at Southwestern Community College. Mr. Rich offered to attend a future meeting and discuss possible collaborative efforts. ○ Rhonda Blanton passed out a handout titled – <i>Workshop: Redesign home for elderly years.</i> Ms. Blanton said this workshop had recently been held at Pardee Hospital on April 29th. The committee members discussed possibly hosting a similar event in Macon County. 		
Next Meeting Date	<p>The next meeting of the Elder Care and Caregivers Committee will be held on Tuesday, August 3rd, from 12:00 N – 1:30 PM in the conference room at the Senior Services Building.</p>		

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