

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

DATE: August 11, 2009

PLACE: Community Facilities Building

TIME: 12:00 N – 1:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Rhonda Blanton, Dorothy Crawford, John Crawford, Lisa Hilliard, Sara Melton, Kathy McGaha, Cindy Miles, Teresa Murray, Janet Norman, Michael Rich, Derek Roland, Sheila Southard, Jim Thurmond, Jennifer Turner-Lynn, Kim Watkins and Vince West

GUEST: Trevor Dalton

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 represent.		
Senior Friendly Development	<p>Sheila Southard next led a group discussion on Senior Friendly Development. First, Kathy McGaha asked the committee members to review the information attached to the agenda. This information was obtained from the Upper Coastal Plain Area on Aging.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha reviewed their requirements for a business to become certified “Senior Friendly”. Their brochure contained information on how it works, key components, training and education, and benefits businesses could receive from this certification.</p> <p>After listening to comments from the committee members, Ms. McGaha said it sounds like the committee members agreed the goal for this committee to undertake this project is the impact it would have on the environment of senior citizens in our county. Jennifer Turner-Lynn stated these guidelines would not only be good for the senior population, but would also benefit family members of all ages. Derek Roland also agreed that this project should be an asset for Macon County.</p>		

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	<p>Ms. McGaha asked the committee members to decide if they wanted to pursue this project further. Vince West made a motion to further pursue this project. Dorothy Crawford 2nd the motion, with all committee members in agreement.</p> <p>Ms. Southard volunteered at the next meeting to bring components of this project for the committee members to review, if she could obtain them. Ms. Southard asked the committee members to be prepared to further discuss and work on making this project work for Macon County.</p>	<p>Sheila Southard will bring components of this project to the next meeting, if she can obtain them.</p>	
Other Items for Discussion	<p>Other Items for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sheila Southard updated the committee members on the move to the new location for the Senior Services Department. Ms. Southard said hopefully the move will be completed by the first of October. ○ Sheila Southard introduced Janet Norman as the new Resource Center staff person. Ms. Southard explained that currently Ms. Norman is gathering agency information for the Resource Center. Ms. Norman passed our information packets and asked everyone to fill them out and return them to her. 	<p>Janet Norman passed out information packets and asked the committee members to fill them out and return them to her.</p>	
Next Meeting Date	<p>The next meeting of the Elder Care and Caregivers Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, from 12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM at a location to be determined later.</p>		