

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

DATE: September 9, 2008

PLACE: Community Facilities Building

TIME: 12:00 N – 1:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Rhonda Blanton, Anita Brown, Sean Gibson, M.R. Hall, Lisa Hilliard, Kathy McGaha, Sara Melton, Cindy Miles, Sheila Southard, Carlos Vargas, Kim Watkins, Vince West and George Young

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Kathy McGaha welcomed everyone to today's meeting of the Elder Care and Caregivers Committee. Ms. McGaha asked the committee members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Vince West motioned for the approval of the minutes. Cindy Miles 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Introductions	Kathy McGaha asked the committee members to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented.		
Senior Expo and Health Fair Cont.	Kathy McGaha led the committee members on a further group discussion on Macon County's Senior Expo and Health Fair. The following topics were discussed: A. Budget – George Young reported that the budget was met. (Revenues exceeded expenses) B. Exhibition Booth Sales and Registration – Mr. Young reported that very few companies had outstanding bills. Mr. Young said he had sent a compiled list of all companies and organizations that had paid booths to Rhonda Blanton. C. Nonprofit Booths – The committee members suggested the following non-profit organizations to consider for booths next year: a. Hospice House Foundation b. Sheriff's Department c. EMS D. Marketing and Radio – Mr. Young thought the coverage of this event went well. E. Space and Facilities – Depending on what events are scheduled next year, the committee members agreed that some room changes might be needed next year. F. Food – Vince West said Senior Games was		

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	<p>extremely pleased with the breakfast that the radio station provided.</p> <p>G. Education Seminars – The committee members further discussed topics for the education seminars. Medical topics, like diabetes, were being considered. These seminars need more publicity on their locations and times.</p> <p>H. Screenings – The screenings were very successful and stayed busy during the times they were available.</p> <p>I. Any other? – The committee members discussed the following other topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Providing entertainment b. Senior Man & Woman contest c. Bingo games d. Date for this event next year – Mr. West suggested that May 1st would be the best for Senior Games. 		
Senior Services Relocation	<p>Sheila Southard announced that Senior Services would be relocating to the old library. Ms. Southard did not have a time frame for this move, but would inform the committee members when more details were available.</p> <p>Ms. Southard said with the move they hope to become a Senior Center where seniors could come and do different activities and events. Ms. Southard said another plan for this building is to contain a Family Resource Center. This center would provide information about services, referrals, and education for Macon County families.</p>		
Planning for Future Senior Needs	<p>Kathy McGaha asked Cindy Miles to update the committee members on the status of Planning for Future Senior Needs. Ms. Miles said the <i>County Plan on Aging (The Aging of Macon)</i> needed to be further refined and developed. Ms. Miles said the broad goals that were stated in the document needed to be more specific and strategies or priorities defined and listed.</p>		

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	<p>After a group discussion, it was decided that the Macon County Senior Services Advisory Council and this committee will combine and work on this project. The meeting date for this will be October 15th starting at 3:00 PM at the Senior Services Building.</p> <p>Rhonda Blanton was asked to notify the Elder Care and Caregivers Committee members about this meeting.</p>	<p>Rhonda Blanton will invite the Elder Care and Caregivers Committee members to a combined meeting with the Macon County Senior Services Advisory Council on October 15th.</p>	
Next Project	<p>Kathy McGaha reclarified that the next project for this committee is to further pursue Senior Friendly Planning. Once the combined committees working on the Senior Friendly Planning process has met and further defined the plan and highlighted one or two specific strategies or priorities, Ms. McGaha said the Elder Care and Caregivers Committee can decide if they want to pursue this topic further.</p>		
Other Items of Discussion	<p>Other items for discussion were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rhonda Blanton informed the committee members about the upcoming School Health Fairs starting in September. Ms. Blanton stated she had volunteer forms if anyone needed one. ○ A suggestion was made during the meeting to invite the new Special Events Coordinator (Tim Crabtree) for Macon County Parks & Recreation to our next meeting. It was suggested that Ms. Blanton invite Mr. Crabtree to the next meeting. 	<p>Rhonda Blanton will invite the new Special Events Coordinator to the next Elder Care and Caregivers Committee meeting.</p>	
Next Meeting Date	<p>The next meeting of the Elder Care and Caregivers Committee will be held on Tuesday, December 9th, from 12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM at the Community Facilities Building.</p>		