

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Environmental Quality Task Force

DATE: January 15, 2008

PLACE: Health and Human Services Building

TIME: 12:00 N – 1:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Chuck Bates, Wesley Bintz, Rhonda Blanton, Jim Bruckner, Stacy Guffey, Dennis Holland, Kathy McGaha, Jack Morgan, Pat Muse, Barry Patterson and Jenny Sanders

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Introductions	Jim Bruckner welcomed everyone to today's initial meeting of the Environmental Quality Task Force. Mr. Bruckner asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented.		
Lunch	Lunch was provided by Healthy Carolinians of Macon County.		
Healthy Carolinians of Macon County	<p>Kathy McGaha gave a brief history of Healthy Carolinians of Macon County (HCMC). Healthy Carolinians includes a statewide network of partnerships that address health and safety issues at the community level. HCMC has been certified since 1998.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha next reviewed some of the past accomplishments that HCMC has done in Macon County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Annual school health fairs➤ School Nurse Program➤ Youth Risk Behavior Surveys➤ Public health dentists for children and adults➤ Grant-acquired Mobile Dental Unit➤ Greenway & Wesley's Playground <p>Ms. McGaha also stated that HCMC won the William G. Anlyan Award in 2004 for the most distinguished partnership in North Carolina.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha stated that HCMC has recently completed a Community Health Assessment in 2007. Ms. McGaha stated that promoting environmental quality was one of the key priorities derived from the assessment process. This task force was formed to deal with this issue.</p>		
Monitor and Performance of Routine Maintenance on	Jim Bruckner thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. Mr. Bruckner said key community leaders in		

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<p>Private Drinking Water Wells and On Site Waste Water Systems (Septic Systems)</p>	<p>this field had been invited to today’s meeting to further consider and discuss the environmental quality issue.</p> <p>Mr. Bruckner stated what could be used as the objective for this task force:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Plan, develop, and implement a program to inform, educate, and prompt homeowners on how and/or when to monitor and perform routine maintenance on private drinking waters wells and on site waste water systems (septic systems). Also, to create a list of available resources in this community and at the state level for those who can’t afford system repairs. And lastly, to develop a partnership with installers, drilling companies, and others to build a system to improve our environment and conserve resources. <p>Mr. Bruckner next the led the task force members in a group discussion on these environmental quality issues. Some areas discussed by the task force were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeowner education • Reminder cards • New state-wide well program • Information on county website • Target population(s) • Developing a list of resources including items such as service providers and funding sources <p>The task force members agreed to meet again on a bi-monthly basis and further discuss these topics. Assignments were given for the next meeting (see action column).</p>	<p>Next meeting assignments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barry Patterson and Pat Muse to review educational materials used elsewhere and make suggestions for development of materials for local use. 2. Jenny Sanders will further check on the infrared system she discussed during the meeting. 3. Kathy McGaha will check on feasibility of using tax office mailings. 4. Rhonda Blanton and Kathy McGaha will review the current information on our county website and check other county websites out. 5. All task force members will work on developing a list of resources before the next meeting. 	
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>The next meeting of the Environmental Quality Task Force will be held on Tuesday, March 18th, at the Health and Human Services Building in Meeting Rooms A/B from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.</p>		

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