

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

DATE: May 28, 2008

PLACE: Health and Human Services Building

TIME: 9:00 – 11:00 AM

ATTENDEES: Chuck Bates, Nelson Bates, Wesley Bintz, Rhonda Blanton, Stacy Guffey, Dennis Holland, Kathy McGaha, Jack Morgan, Barry Patterson, Al Slagle and Charles Womack

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Barry Patterson welcomed everyone to today’s meeting of the Environmental Quality Task Force. Kathy McGaha asked the task force members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Nelson Bates motioned for the approval of the minutes. Jack Morgan 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Introductions	Kathy McGaha asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented.		
Public Education	Barry Patterson led a group discussion on public education: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft of Postcard<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr. Patterson passed out an example of what the postcard could look like to the task force members. Mr. Patterson asked the task force members to review this draft and make comments and suggestions.○ Ms. McGaha suggested that a welcome be possibly added to the postcard.○ Stacy Guffey suggested that a name for a contact person be added to the postcard information.○ Rhonda Blanton suggested putting notices in the newspapers and on the radio stating that these postcards would be coming out.○ The task force members also discussed whether or not to ask questions on the postcard.○ Mr. Patterson said he will consider these suggestions and further work on the final format of the postcard and bring this to the next meeting.	Barry Patterson will incorporate the listed suggestions and bring a final draft to the next meeting.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Examples of Education Materials for the Public <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Patterson also passed around several examples of pamphlets and booklets on well maintenance and information for the task force members to review and discuss. ○ Ms. McGaha stated that she like the one page pamphlet best because it was more eye-catching and simpler to read. ○ Mr. Morgan suggested possibly sending information home with the school kids. ○ Al Slagle informed the task force about a publication that WNC Tomorrow provided titled – <i>Mountain Home Guide</i>. Mr. Guffey said in the past, local agencies such as the local Chamber of Commerce and the Franklin Board of Realtors had provided this booklet for the community. • Laserfische <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Patterson stated that once all files are converted to laserfische, this data can be queried and organized by date(s). 	<p>Stacy Guffey volunteered to check on this publication and see if it still available through WNC Tomorrow.</p>	
<p>Update on Well Program</p>	<p>Barry Patterson updated the task force members on the well program. Mr. Patterson reminded the task force members that this program was effective on July 1st. Mr. Patterson said the two positions have been filled by Harold Faircloth and Tiffany Plemens, with backup being covered by five other employees.</p> <p>Mr. Patterson stated that the final amount for the fee has not yet been approved. Mr. Patterson also said the two</p>		

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	<p>employees will start in the well program in June and use that month for practice.</p>		
<p>Other Items for Discussion</p>	<p>Rhonda Blanton stated that she had reviewed the websites for each Environmental Health Department for each western county. Ms. Blanton passed around some examples from other counties for the task force members to review.</p> <p>Ms. Blanton discussed what she liked and disliked from each website. Ms. Blanton said Haywood County had one section she liked titled – “Who Regulates What.” Ms. Blanton suggested that we consider adding a similar section to our website.</p> <p>Ms. Blanton has also randomly asked several people out in the community to review our county’s Environmental Health website and state what they liked and disliked about it. Ms. Blanton shared some of their comments with the task force members.</p>		
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>The next meeting of the Environmental Quality Task Force will be held on Tuesday, August 12th, at the Health and Human Services Building in Meeting Rooms A/B from 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM.</p>		