

**MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Substance Abuse Task Force**

**DATE:** March 11, 2008

**PLACE:** Shoney’s Restaurant

**TIME:** 9:00 – 11:00 AM

**ATTENDEES:** Stephanie Almeida, Rhonda Blanton, Jim Bottomley, Warren Cabe, Marci Holland, Robert Holland, Judy Kuehn, Katie LaFlamm, Larry McDonald, Kathy McGaha, Oxford House Representative, Morgan Rowland and April Woodall

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Robby Holland welcomed everyone to today’s meeting of the Substance Abuse Task Force. Mr. Holland asked the task force members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Jim Bottomley motioned for the approval of the minutes. Larry McDonald 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Introductions	Robby Holland asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented. Mr. Holland especially welcomed the students from Franklin High School – Morgan Rowland and April Woodall.		
2007 YRBS Results posted	<p>Kathy McGaha announced that North Carolina has released the state data from the 2007 YRBS. Ms. McGaha said that Mars Hill has taken the state data and compared it with ours. Ms. McGaha said she has posted the 2007 YRBS results on our website.</p> <p>Larry McDonald complimented Healthy Carolinians for conducting the YRBS in Macon County and compiling all the information. Ms. McGaha stated that she had funding available to conduct the next YRBS.</p> <p>Larry McDonald suggested that the public needs to be aware of the information. One suggestion was to post a connection to HCMC website on the school’s website. Ms. McGaha volunteered to contact Macon County School System’s IT Department to check on this. Ms. McGaha also volunteered to talk with Barbara McRae about putting an article in The Franklin Press.</p>	<p>Kathy McGaha will contact Macon County School’s IT Department to discuss adding the information on the YRBS.</p> <p>Kathy McGaha will contact Barbara McRae about doing a newspaper article on the YRBS.</p>	
Underage Drinking Forum Report	Kathy McGaha asked Stephanie Almeida to update the task force members on the upcoming Underage Drinking Forum. Ms. Almeida said the forum is scheduled for Saturday, April 5 <sup>th</sup> . It will be held in the cafeteria at		

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	<p>Macon Middle School from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM. Ms. Almeida invited everyone to attend this event.</p> <p>Ms. Almeida reviewed the proposed program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Opening Remarks – Sheriff Holland</li> <li>▪ Youth Presentation – FHS Students</li> <li>▪ SPARC of Western Carolina University</li> <li>▪ Parent – Nancy Hunter of Asheville</li> <li>▪ North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission – Marnina Queen</li> </ul> <p>Morgan Rowland and April Woodall next provided information on what the students had been working on and what they were planning to present at the forum. The students said they had picked out a name for their group – TIA standing for Teens in Action. The students also announced that t-shirts were being ordered and the task force members could order one. Mr. Holland complimented the youth on their hard work.</p> <p>Ms. Almeida said she had been working on the flyer for the forum. Ms. Almeida passed around a draft of the flyer for the task force members to review. The task force members suggested adding Macon County School System as a sponsor. Ms. McGaha offered to add logos and convert the flyer to PDF form.</p>	<p>Kathy McGaha will add logos to the flyer and convert it to PDF form.</p>	
<p>Report from Mental Health Task Force</p>	<p>Kathy McGaha reported on the recent meetings of the Mental Health Task Force. Ms. McGaha gave a brief review of how and why this task force was created and who is serving on it. Ms. McGaha explained that one item being discussed is a jail program to help inmates while they are incarcerated.</p> <p>Judy Kuehn reported on the recent Providers Meeting held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Kuehn said around 50 people showed up for this meeting. Ms. Kuehn said a lot of</p>		

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	information was shared and thought the meeting was very informative.		
Oxford House	An update on the Oxford House was given by a representative. The representative said the Oxford House was running well and they had two open beds. Ms. McGaha asked the representative if any items were needed to let her know. Ms. McGaha also asked if a representative from the Oxford House would be willing to do a brief presentation during the Full Partnership Meeting. The representative said this should be possible.		
Other Items for Discussion	<p>Robby Holland encouraged the task force members to attend an upcoming forum titled – <i>Risky Behaviors: What Every Parent Should Know</i>. The forum is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> at the FHS Fine Arts Center beginning at 6:30 PM. Mr. Holland said this presentation is mainly geared towards parents, but other presentations would also be offered to the students.</p> <p>Mr. Holland said the guest speakers would be Dale and Michelle Galloway who recently lost a son to the Choking Game. Mr. Holland said this program is especially appropriate after the recent death in Macon County.</p>		
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Substance Abuse Task Force will be held on Tuesday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> , at Shoney’s Restaurant from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.		