

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Substance Abuse Task Force**DATE:** May 13, 2008**PLACE:** Shoney's Restaurant**TIME:** 9:00 – 11:00 AM**ATTENDEES:** Stephanie Almeida, Rhonda Blanton, Jim Bottomley, Lauren Higdon, Marci Holland, Robert Holland, Katie LaFlamm, Kathy McGaha, Debra Montgomery, Morgan Rowland, Bob Scott and Patti Tiberi

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. Stephanie Almeida 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Oxford House Report	<p>Jim Bottomley and Debra Montgomery next reported on the Oxford House.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Women's House – Debra Montgomery stated there were currently five residents. Ms. Montgomery said another person will be interviewed in the next few days. Ms. Montgomery thanked everyone for their support of this house. 2. Men's House – Jim Bottomley said a local doctor is interested in purchasing a house that could be used for a Men's House. Mr. Bottomley said he would keep the task force members updated on the situation. 3. Full Partnership Meeting – Ms. McGaha told the task force members that Mr. Bottomley and Ms. Montgomery would be doing a short presentation on the Oxford House at the Full Partnership Meeting. 		
Underage Drinking Forum Feedback	Kathy McGaha asked the task force members to give their feedback on the recently held Underage Drinking Forum. All task force members that attended the Forum were in agreement that the forum presentation by the students and other invited speakers was excellent even though there was very low public attendance.		
Teens In Action Report	Lauren Higdon and Morgan Rowland updated the task force members on Teens In Action (TIA). Ms. Higdon		

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	<p>said that TIA decided to remain as a group after the forum was completed. They are currently considering who would be a host group for them. REACH has volunteered to be the host group and Ms. Almeida and some of the TIA group will tour the REACH facility tomorrow.</p> <p>Breanna Almeida, Ms. Higdon and Ms. Rowland recently appeared in front of the Board of Commissioners to explain TIA and what they had recently done at the Underage Drinking Forum. The Commissioners approved money to send two teams from Macon County (one from Franklin and one from Highlands) to the Tennessee Teen Institute in June.</p>		
Adolescent Pharming	<p>Katie LaFlamm reported that Jennifer Garrett, the Lead School Nurse, wanted to provide and promote information on adolescent pharming. Ms. LaFlamm stated that students taking prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription has drastically increased in recent years. Ms. LaFlamm stated that over-the-counter medicines are a problem as well.</p> <p>Ms. LaFlamm explained that teenagers believe that prescription medications are safer than illegal drugs because they are prescribed by a doctor. Ms. LaFlamm said the widespread availability of prescription drugs make it easier for teenagers to abuse them. Ms. LaFlamm said the easiest way for teenagers to get prescription pills is to raid their parents and grandparents medicine cabinets.</p> <p>Ms. LaFlamm said that Jennifer Garrett wanted to make parents/grandparents and the general public more aware of this problem. Ms. Garrett would like to do presentations of this topic at the local schools in the county.</p>		

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Macon County Sheriff's Office Jail Program	Kathy McGaha and Marci Holland updated the task force members on the status of the Macon County Sheriff's Office Jail Program. Ms. McGaha gave a brief history and explanation of the Jail Program to the task force members. Ms. Holland stated that currently eighteen inmates have volunteered to participate in the program.		
Other Items of Discussion	Kathy McGaha and Rhonda Blanton reminded the committee members of the upcoming Full Partnership Meeting. It will be held on May 21 st , starting at 8:30 AM in the cafeteria at Angel Medical Center. Ms. McGaha reminded the task force members to RSVP to Ms. Blanton before May 16 th .		
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Substance Abuse Task Force will be held on Tuesday, July 15 th , at the Health and Human Services Building in Meeting Rooms A/B.		