

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

DATE: May 22, 2009

PLACE: Health and Human Services Building

TIME: 1:00 – 2:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Rhonda Blanton, Tony Corbin, Jennifer Garrett, Marci Holland, Robert Holland, Kathy McGaha 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. Patti Tiberi motioned for the approval of the minutes. Marci Holland 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention	<p>Robby Holland led a group discussion on Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention. The following topics were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Jennifer Garret reported that she had contacted Allison Outdoor Advertising about the use of a billboard to display our message on this topic. Ms. Garret said she is to contact them again next week.➤ Jennifer Garrett said she had also contacted representatives with The Anti Drug. Ms. Garrett said no prescription drug abuse billboard has been done using their material. Ms. Garrett said their messages can’t be changed, but logos can be added. Ms. Garrett will continue working on the design of the billboard and report back to the task force members at the next meeting.➤ Robby Holland said that he had not met yet with Barbara McRae to work on the posters. Mr. Holland asked the task force members for ideas of what to put on the poster. The following suggestions were made:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr. Holland suggested a picture of a coffin filled with prescription bottles.▪ Ms. Garret suggested a pill bottle in an orange jail suit.	<p>Jennifer Garrett will follow-up with Allison Outdoor Advertising.</p> <p>Jennifer Garrett will continue working on the billboard and report to the task force members at the next meeting.</p> <p>Robby Holland will further work on developing the layout of the poster design.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Holland said he would take these suggestions and work further on developing the design for the posters. ➤ Kathy McGaha reviewed different statistics from the last Youth Behavior Survey. The statistics were from both the middle grade students and the high school students. Ms. McGaha volunteered to send the statistical information onto Barbara McRae and Mr. Holland. 	<p>Kathy McGaha will forward the YRBS statistical information to Robby Holland and Barbara McRae.</p>	
Regional Conference	<p>Patti Tiberi passed out a handout with details on the upcoming workshop titled: <i>Creating Community Change – It Begins with Me!</i> Ms. Tiberi invited everyone to try and attend all or part of this week long workshop being done at Western Carolina University from June 1st – 5th.</p> <p>Ms. Tiberi briefly reviewed each section that would be covered that week and briefly told facts about each presenter. Ms. Tiberi informed the task force members that Kathy McGaha would be one of the presenters on June 3rd.</p>		
Other Items for Discussion	<p>Other Items for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kathy McGaha reminded the task force members of the upcoming Full Partnership Meeting on May 28th at Tartan Hall. Ms. McGaha asked the task force members to RSVP to Rhonda Blanton. 	<p>Kathy McGaha asked the task force members to RSVP to Rhonda Blanton for the Full Partnership Meeting.</p>	
Next Meeting Date	<p>The next meeting of the Substance Abuse Task Force will be announced at a later date.</p>		