

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Strengthening Families Committee

DATE: January 7, 2010

PLACE: CARENET

TIME: 9:00 – 10:30 AM

ATTENDEES: Kim Angel, Vanessa Bailey, Rebecca Barboff, Rhonda Blanton, Kristi Case, Jennifer Garrett, Timothy Hayes, Marci Holland, Anne Hyder, Jane Kimsey, Paula Ledford, Linda Mathias, Susie McCoy, Kathy McGaha, Jim Thurmond and Rick Westerman

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Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Vanessa Bailey welcomed everyone to today’s meeting of the Strengthening Families Committee. Ms. Bailey asked the committee members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Rick Westerman motioned for approval of the minutes. Susie McCoy 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Homeless Count Event	<p>Kathy McGaha reminded the committee members that the Homeless Count would be held on Wednesday, January 27th. Ms. McGaha next led the committee members through a group discussion on the upcoming count.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Location – CARENET will be the host site for this event. The timeframe of this event is 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM.➤ Flow – Ms. Bailey and the committee members discussed the flow of events that night. Ms. McGaha suggested three interviewers to meet with people to complete the survey. Ms. Bailey passed around a voucher form she had developed for the items that will be given away.➤ Transportation – Ms. McGaha reviewed the routes for that night; stating that pick-ups would begin at 3:00 PM. Kim Angel said Macon Transit is ready for this event. Ms. Angel stated that people can also call and schedule a pick-up, if needed.➤ Donations – Ms. Bailey informed the committee members that Patrick Jenkins is donating the coats that will be collecting during his ‘Cold for a Cause’. Mr. Jenkins will be spending 48 hours		

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	<p>suspended off the end of a crane and gathering donations in the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Volunteers – Jennifer Garrett suggested that the volunteers working the event meet soon to discuss traffic flow and review volunteer assignments. Ms. Garrett and these members will meet on Thursday, January 21st, at CARENET from 12:00 N – 1:00 PM. ➤ Development of Survey Form – After further discussion with the state contacts for the Point in Time event, Ms. McGaha said she would use the State of North Carolina – Homeless Demographic & Needs Survey 2010. Ms. McGaha said she will meet with the other interviewers on January 20th, at CARENET at 8:30 AM to review these forms. ➤ Publicity – Ms. McGaha said Yvonne Robinson had made color copies and black/white copies of the flyer. Ms. McGaha passed these copies around for the committee members to use. Ms. McGaha said she would be distributing this information to the media. Ms. McGaha and the committee members commended Ms. Robinson for her work on the flyer. ➤ Event Services – Ms. McGaha reported that she has had further contact with the participating agencies and has sent information and instructions out to all of them. 	<p>Jennifer Garrett will meet with the volunteers on Jan. 21st at 12:00 N at CARENET.</p> <p>Kathy McGaha, Paula Ledford and Rebecca Barboff will meet on January 20th at 8:30 AM at CARENET.</p>	
Other Items for Discussion	<p>Other Items for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. McGaha said that the school system would be able to provide this committee with homeless numbers. Ms. McGaha said the numbers for the Highlands and Nantahala communities. ○ Ms. McGaha said Jerry Hermanson at the Community Care Clinic in Cashiers would also obtain numbers. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Linda Mathias said she had talked with Randy Hughes of Toys for Tots. Mr. Hughes said they could provide toys if we wanted them.		
Next Meeting Date	The date for the next meeting of the Strengthening Families Committee will be determined at a later date.		