

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Strengthening Families Committee

DATE: April 16, 2009

PLACE: Health and Human Services Building

TIME: 12:00 N – 1:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Rebecca Barboff, Rhonda Blanton, Jim Bottomley, Annie Breedlove, Jennifer Garrett, Marci Holland, Robert Holland, Paula Ledford, Jan Lee, Linda Mathias, Kathy McGaha, Cindy Phipps, Jim Thurmond and Sherry Tilson

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Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes	Kathy McGaha welcomed everyone to today’s meeting of the Strengthening Families Committee. Ms. McGaha asked the committee members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Robby Holland motioned for the approval of the minutes. Marci Holland 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Introductions	Kathy McGaha asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented.		
Letter to Merchants	<p>Kathy McGaha passed out a copy of the rough draft of the letter to be sent to the local merchants. Ms. McGaha said that Vanessa Bailey had a couple of changes and would be forwarding them onto her.</p> <p>The committee members reviewed and discussed the letter and also suggested a couple of minor corrections. The committee members were complimentary of the letter and the idea behind it and were hopeful that the letter would bring many items for donation.</p>		
Feedback from Community Wide Meeting on the Homeless Issue	<p>Kathy McGaha next asked the committee members to review the handout titled – <i>Homelessness Summit, 04/01/09, Notes</i>. Ms. McGaha also expressed her thanks to Rhonda Blanton for her work in setting this meeting up and contacting everyone and Linda Mathias for writing the homeless article that sparked interest for this subject. Ms. McGaha also thanked Barbara McRae for her assistance in listing all the bullets of information gathered during the meeting.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha said she had reviewed the pages of information that Ms. McRae had written down during the meeting and summarized the information into two pages. The first page was Notes from the meeting and was</p>		

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	<p>divided into sections titled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Common Characteristics ➤ Lead Agency ➤ Issues <p>Ms. McGaha then reviewed the second page of data. Ms. McGaha used a strategic planning process – SWOT Analysis to analyze this data. The first section consisted of Internal Environment listing strengths and weaknesses. The second section consisted of External Environment listing opportunities and threats. Ms. McGaha asked the committee members to review and discuss these pages. The committee members then suggested changes or additions/deletions to these pages.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha also asked the committee members to consider other issues that pertain to this subject. Ms. McGaha asked the committee members to consider the situation of foster kids who are maxing out of the system and who could possibly end up homeless. Rebecca Barboff said there is a possibility of a Female Transition Program for the Franklin area.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha also asked the committee members to consider how to track homeless numbers for our county. Ms. McGaha said there are many definitions of homelessness and this committee would need to pick one to use and then determine how and when these people could be counted</p> <p>One suggestion made during the meeting was for this committee to possibly meet with Habitat for Humanity’s board members. Ms. McGaha will contact Rick Westerman and discuss the possibility of setting up this meeting.</p>	<p>Kathy McGaha will contact Rick Westerman about setting up a meeting with Habitat for Humanity’s board members.</p>	

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	<p>Ms. McGaha also suggested possibly meeting with the Economic Development Commission and discussing the homeless situation with them. Jim Thurmond volunteered to contact the EDC to set up a meeting.</p>	<p>Jim Thurmond will contact the EDC about setting up a meeting with them.</p>	
<p>Beginnings of Decoration Committee</p>	<p>Ms. McGaha informed the committee members about a recent meeting with a representative from the Zonta Club. Ms. McGaha stated that Rhonda Blanton and she recently met with Michaelle Runken. Ms. McGaha said this meeting was to inform the Zonta Club about the possible establishment of a homeless shelter and what would be needed to furnish and equip this shelter. Paula Ledford informed the committee members that the construction classes at FHS would possibly be available to assist with construction and remodeling.</p> <p>After a group discussion, a suggestion was made to establish an Operations Committee that would assist with this issue. Paula Ledford and Linda Mathias volunteered to participate with this committee.</p>		
<p>Other Items for Discussion</p>	<p>Other Items for Discussion were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Robby Holland reminded the committee members of the upcoming Operation Pill Crusher on Saturday, April 18th. This event will allow everyone to bring their outdated, unknown, or unwanted medications or prescriptions for free disposal. This event will be from 10:00 AM – 2:00 pm at any Ingles in Macon County. ○ Robby Holland also asked the committee members to vote a winning poster for Operation Pill Crusher. After the committee members had voted, Mr. Holland showed the committee members the top three posters. ○ Kathy McGaha invited everyone to the Full Partnership Meeting on May 28th from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at Tartan Hall. Ms. McGaha explained that a viewing of a 30-minute segment from the 	<p>Kathy McGaha asked the committee members to RSVP to Rhonda Blanton for the Full Partnership Meeting.</p>	

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	<p>documentary series – “Unnatural Causes.” Ms. McGaha said after this viewing the audience will discuss and explore how policy and environmental circumstances are affecting the lives of Macon County residents. Ms. McGaha reminded the committee members to RSVP to Rhonda Blanton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kathy McGaha asked the committee members to review the handout containing a Participation Form, Ground Rules of HCMC and HCMC’s By-laws. Ms. McGaha asked the committee members to review the Ground Rules and By-laws. Ms. McGaha reminded the committee members to fill out the Participation Form and return it to Rhonda Blanton. 	<p>Kathy McGaha asked the committee members to fill out the Participation Forms and return them to Rhonda Blanton.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>The next meeting of the Strengthening Families Committee will be held on Thursday, May 7th, from 12:00 N – 1:30 PM in Meeting Rooms A/B at the Health and Human Services Building.</p>		