

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Strengthening Families Committee

DATE: November 6, 2008

PLACE: Macon County School’s Central Office

TIME: 12:00 N – 1:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Vanessa Bailey, Rhonda Blanton, Jim Bottomley, Jennifer Garrett, Jane Kimsey, Paula Ledford, Kathy McGaha and Sheila Price

GUEST: Kim Angel

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
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. Jennifer Garrett motioned for the approval of the minutes. Jim Bottomley 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Macon Transit Information	<p>Kathy McGaha gave a brief history of the three interventions the Strengthening Families Committee is working on. Ms. McGaha said the committee members had asked to obtain more information on our local transit system. Ms. McGaha then introduced Kim Angel from Macon County Transit.</p> <p>Ms. Angel explained that they operate a regular route called <i>The Mountain Gem</i>. Ms. Angel said there is a \$1.00 boarding fee and this transport operates on a continuous route. Ms. Angel passed out a handout with the times and stops listed.</p> <p>Ms. Angel said they also honor requests for transportation. Ms. Angel said the local requests must be received by 2:00 PM the day prior to the date of the trip. Ms. Angel said the out-of-county trips must be scheduled at least one week in advance of the trip. Ms. Angel explained currently they travel as far as Asheville.</p> <p>Ms. Angel also had other handouts and items for the committee members to review and take with them.</p>		
Family Resource Center Report	Kathy McGaha and Paula Ledford informed the committee members about a possible resource center for school children and family members. This resource		

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	<p>center would be located in a house near the new 5/6 School. Ms. Ledford said this resource center is currently just being considered and would offer help with educational services.</p> <p>Jane Kimsey reported on the Community Resource Center that would be housed at the new Senior Center building. Ms. Kimsey said they are in the process of obtaining an architect to upgrade the building.</p>		
Soup Café Report	<p>Vanessa Bailey reported that the Soup Café is now open for lunch on Tuesdays. Ms. Bailey said the numbers served have really increased over last year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ October 2007 – 157 served ➤ October 2008 – 300 served 		
Other Items for Discussion	<p>Other Items for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vanessa Bailey gave an update on the Knapsack Program. Ms. Bailey said they are currently doing this program in three schools and soon will expand to more. Ms. Bailey said 3 – 7 pounds of food is packaged in a brown bag and then placed in a plastic bag. These bags are dropped off at the Central Office on Thursday’s. The different school secretaries then pick the bags up Friday morning and take them back to their schools. The bags are then given to the different homeroom teachers who then place the bags in the child’s backpack to take home for the weekend. ○ Jim Bottomley informed the committee members about the proposed Samuel’s House in Clay County. Samuel’s House will provide a safe haven for women and women with children, who have no home. Mr. Bottomley said the service area would be 100 miles radius of Clay County. ○ Kathy McGaha asked the committee members to be considering what the next project for this committee could be and bring suggestions to the 		

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	next meeting.		
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Strengthening Families Committee will be held on Thursday, January 8 th , from 12:00 N – 1:30 PM at Macon County’s Schools Central Office.		