

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Strengthening Families Committee

DATE: November 5, 2009

PLACE: CARENET

TIME: 2:30 – 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES: Rebecca Barboff, Rhonda Blanton, Jim Bottomley, Tena Cody, Ashley Costner, Jennifer Garrett, Anne Hyder, Linda Mathias, Kathy McGaha, Cindy Phipps, Sheila Price and Vicki Richards

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome 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. Jennifer Garrett motioned for the approval of the minutes. Cindy Phipps 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Introductions	Kathy McGaha asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented.		
Homeless Count Event	<p>Kathy McGaha reminded the committee members that the Homeless Count Event would be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010. Ms. McGaha next led the committee members through a review and group discussion on the topics discussed at the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Location – Vanessa Bailey did volunteer the use of the CARENET facilities to host this event.➤ Transportation – Linda Mathias reported that Kim Angel has agreed that Transit can assist with this event. Ms. Mathias said she will ask someone she knows if they will be the “male rider” on the van that night.➤ Donations – Representatives from CARENET said it would be possible to store donated items there. The committee members suggested the following items to gather:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Gloves▪ Hats/Caps▪ Coats▪ Shoes▪ Personal items like shampoo and chap stick▪ Blankets	Linda Mathias will follow-up on obtaining a “male rider”.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (Rhonda Blanton volunteered to contact Pam Buchanan about donating coats and the knitting group at First Assembly about making items and donating them.) ➤ Volunteers – Jennifer Garrett asked the committee members to help her determine the number of volunteers needed for the event. CARENET volunteers will do the cooking. Volunteers will be needed to be servers, clean-up, help with transportation, pass out donations and assist with the survey forms. ➤ Development of Survey Form – Kathy McGaha stated that the committee members working on this project had not met yet and she would report on this at the next meeting. ➤ Publicity – Yvonne Robinson will update the committee members on publicity for this event at the next meeting. The committee members did agree that the churches should be contacted about this event. Rhonda Blanton will contact Jeff King and Mitch Schultz to explain this event. ➤ Event Services – Cindy Phipps reported that she had spoken to Jane Kimsey and she agreed to undertake this project. Ms. Kimsey will update the committee members at the next meeting. ➤ Meal – After a group discussion, the committee members agreed on a meal of soup, bread, fruit and a dessert. ➤ Other Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parking – Rhonda Blanton asked if the parking lot could handle the number of volunteers plus people attending that night. Other places to park were suggested and will be considered more at the next meeting. ▪ T-shirts – Jennifer Garrett suggested possibly wearing matching t-shirts, so the volunteers 	<p>Rhonda Blanton will contact Pam Buchanan and the knitting group at First Assembly.</p> <p>Kathy McGaha will report on the development of the survey form at the next meeting.</p> <p>Yvonne Robinson will update the committee members on publicity at the next meeting.</p> <p>Rhonda Blanton will contact Jeff King and Mitch Schultz.</p> <p>Jane Kimsey will update the committee members on event services at the next meeting.</p>	

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	could be identified. Ms. Garrett offered to follow-up on this and report at the next meeting.	Jennifer Garrett will check on t-shirts and will report at the next meeting.	
Other Items for Discussion	<p>Other Items for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rebecca Barboff reminded the committee members that she is still in need of suggestions of possible uses for their facility. Please send any ideas or suggestions to her. ○ Kathy McGaha reported to the committee members that Senior Services hoped to open in their new location on December 7th. Ms. McGaha also reminded the committee members that a Resource Center would also be in that building. 		
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Strengthening Families Committee will be held on Thursday, December 3 rd from 12:00 N – 1:30 PM at CARENET.		