

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Strengthening Families Committee

DATE: December 3, 2009

PLACE: CARENET

TIME: 12:00 N – 1:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Rebecca Barboff, Rhonda Blanton, Diane Cotton, Jennifer Garrett, Anne Hyder, Paula Ledford, Jim Mabery, Susie McCoy, Kathy McGaha and Yvonne Robinson

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. Anne Hyder motioned for the approval of the minutes. Jennifer Garrett 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 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 the count event is 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM.➤ Transportation – Linda Mathias said she is still working on who the “male rider” will be for the transit van. Ms. Mathias will inform the committee, once someone has agreed to do it.➤ Donations – CARENET has agreed to provide space to store any donations that are collected. The committee members agreed that a story to promote donations for this project would need to be announced in the local media around the first of January. This list will also be sent out to all the local churches.➤ Volunteers – Jennifer Garrett said she is still in the planning stages as to how many volunteers she will need and what their exact duties will be.	Information will be sent out to local media and churches about donations that are being accepted for this event.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Development of Survey Form – Ms. McGaha said the survey form for agencies to use had basically been completed. Ms. McGaha said they are still developing the survey form that will be used that night at CARENET. ➤ Publicity – Yvonne Robinson passed around a draft of the flyer for the committee members to review. The committee members suggested to bold the CARENET address on the flyer. The committee members also suggested placing stories in the local media about this upcoming event. Rhonda Blanton offered to contact the local media. Jim Mabery said this flyer could also be placed in the backpacks of the students who receive food from that program. ➤ Event Services – Ms. McGaha said all agencies that were contacted have agreed to participate in the event services. 	<p>Rhonda Blanton will contact the local media about informing the general public of this upcoming event for our county.</p>	
Other Items for Discussion	<p>Other Items for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kathy McGaha informed the committee members that one topic for future consideration is how to improve the graduation rate in our county by decreasing the dropout rate. Ms. McGaha said this committee could look at the contributing factors and how to address them. Ms. McGaha also stated she would like to see what other counties are doing to lower their dropout rate. 		
Next Meeting Date	<p>The next meeting of the Strengthening Families Committee will be held on Thursday, January 7th, from 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM at CARENET.</p>		