

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Steering Committee

DATE: April 23, 2008

PLACE: Health and Human Services Building

TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00 N

ATTENDEES: Rhonda Blanton, Teresa Breedlove, Jim Bruckner, Anne Hyder, Jane Kimsey, Teresa Mallonee, Kathy McGaha, Barbara McRae, Yvonne Smith, Jim Thurmond and Carlos Vargas

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Teresa Mallonee welcomed everyone to today’s meeting of the Steering Committee. Ms. Mallonee asked the committee members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Jane Kimsey motioned for the approval of the minutes. Yvonne Smith 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Teens in Action	<p>Kathy McGaha explained Teens in Action to the committee members. Ms. McGaha stated that an Underage Drinking Sub-Committee had been formed to present a community forum on underage drinking. Ms. McGaha explained that this was a sub-committee of the Substance Abuse Task Force.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha stated that a group of teenagers were recruited to participate with this project. The group of teenagers decided to name themselves – Teens in Action. After the forum presentation, this group of teenagers have decided to keep meeting as a group. Teens In Action are now considering what group or organization will be their permanent host.</p> <p>Teens In Action went in front of the Board of Commissioners on April 14th and informed the board about the forum and their future hopes to attend a Teen Institute in Tennessee in June. The Board of Commissioners approved \$1500 for two teams of students (one team from each Franklin and Highlands Schools) to attend this institute.</p>		
Committee Restructuring	Kathy McGaha informed the committee members of the status of the Strengthening Families Committee. Ms. McGaha stated that the Child/Adolescent Health Issues Committee had been the host group. Ms. McGaha said		

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	<p>additional community members had been invited to join this committee. This committee was formed after the last community assessment. One priority from the assessment was Strengthening Families & Reducing Youth Risky Behavior.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha said after several meetings and in-depth group discussions this committee had finalized an action plan with three interventions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Develop a Family Resource Center 2) Establish a Soup Kitchen that is open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner 3) Establish Emergency Housing for Homeless Families <p>Ms. McGaha stated the future of this committee needed to be decided. Ms. McGaha said after a group discussion, the members of the Strengthening Families Committee were in agreement of disbanding the Child/Adolescent Health Issues Committee and asking for the Steering Committee's approval to form as a new committee called Strengthening Families Committee.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha asked the Steering Committee members discuss and consider this recommendation. After a group discussion, Barbara McRae made a motion to disband the Child/Adolescent Health Issues Committee and approve the formation of this new committee. Jim Bruckner 2nd the motion, with all members in agreement.</p>		
Re-certification	<p>Kathy McGaha next discussed re-certification with the committee members. Ms. McGaha stated that each Healthy Carolinian partnership must be certified by the state. Ms. McGaha said HCMC was due in 2008. Ms. McGaha briefly explained the certification process to the Steering Committee members.</p>		

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	<p>Ms. McGaha wanted to discuss two factors with the committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ External Challenges – Ms. McGaha asked the committee members to consider and list external challenges that were affecting HCMC. The committee members made the following suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding (sustainability and projects) ▪ Growth of Population <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elderly ○ Students ▪ Number of Uninsured ▪ New School Superintendent ▪ Challenges with Local Resources ➤ Letters of Commitment – Ms. McGaha passed out a handout for the committee members to review. The handout provided requirements that the state office wanted in the letters of commitment. The handout also listed each Steering Committee member with specific requirements targeting them. Ms. McGaha stated she needed the letters returned her in a timely manner. The committee members agreed upon a completion date for the letters of May 9th. 	<p>The Steering Committee members will provide Letters of Commitment to Kathy McGaha by May 9th.</p>	
<p>Full Partnership Meeting</p>	<p>Kathy McGaha reminded the committee members that the Full Partnership Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 21st, starting at 8:30 AM in the cafeteria at Angel Medical Center. Ms. McGaha asked the committee members to RSVP to Rhonda Blanton by May 16th.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha said this meeting would be a celebration of Healthy Carolinians of Macon County's accomplishments over the last ten years. Ms. McGaha briefly reviewed the topics and their presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Dental Care – Tammie McGill 	<p>Kathy McGaha will contact Sheila Jenkins about being a presenter.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack on Childhood Obesity – Becky Barr • Oxford House – Jim Bottomley & Debra Montgomery (?) • School Health – Jennifer Garrett • Youth Risk Behavior Survey – Charlie Vargas (?) • Medication Assistance Program – Jim Thurmond (?) • Senior Expo & Health Fair – Sheila Jenkins (?) • Tobacco Free Campuses – Jennifer Hollifield <p>Ms. McGaha said the presenters with question marks had not been contacted yet. Ms. McGaha said she will contact Sheila Jenkins. Ms. McGaha will ask Jim Bottomley to contact Debra Montgomery. Charlie Vargas agreed today to be a presenter. Jim Thurmond stated he will be out of town and suggested Sheila Franks to replace him. Jane Kimsey and Jim Thurmond will contact Ms. Franks.</p>	<p>Kathy McGaha will ask Jim Bottomley to contact Debra Montgomery about being a co-presenter.</p> <p>Jim Thurmond and Jane Kimsey will ask Sheila Franks about being a presenter for the Medication Assistance Program.</p>	
Other Items for Discussion	<p>Other Items for Discussion were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jim Thurmond informed the committee members that he will be opening a non-profit center for Access to Financial Counseling. Mr. Thurmond stated that First Baptist Church is providing him with office space and the schedule will be by appointments. ❖ Anne Hyder stated that at a recent board meeting at Angel Medical Center, she had presented the 2007 Community Health Assessment and the 2006 State of the County Report. ❖ Kathy McGaha updated the committee members on the recent meetings of the Mental Health Task Force. Ms. McGaha said there is a future possibility that after the task force is disbanded, HCMC might be asked assist or undertake projects suggested by the task force. 		

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Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 2 nd , from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon in Meeting Rooms A/B at the Health and Human Services Building.		