

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Access to Care Committee

DATE: March 10, 2010

PLACE: Health and Human Services Building

TIME: 12:30 – 1:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Amira Alarcon, Rhonda Blanton, M. R. Hall, Jerry Hermanson, Lisa Hilliard, Alden Howard, Judy Hughes, Anne Hyder, Jean Jordan, Adriana Kirchman, Kathy McGaha, Mitch Schultz, Jim Thurmond, Jan Unger, Martin Wadewitz, Ed Whitby, Jean Whitby and Sarah Wilks

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| Welcome and Introductions | Lisa Hilliard welcomed everyone to today's celebratory meeting for the opening of the Community Care Clinic in Franklin. Ms. Hilliard asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented. | | |
| Lunch | Lunch was provided by Healthy Carolinians of Macon County. | | |
| Community Care Clinic – Franklin Update | <p>Jerry Hermanson first gave the committee members and invited guests a brief history of the start of the Community Care Clinic in Highlands in 2005. Mr. Hermanson said the clinic in Highlands is open on Thursday nights from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.</p> <p>Mr. Hermanson explained that a grant opportunity became available from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Office of Rural Health and Community Services. The one-year grant is for the amount of \$138,000. The grant is potentially renewable for two more additional years.</p> <p>Mr. Hermanson explained that the Community Care Clinic in Highlands and the Macon County Public Health Center were co-applicants for the grant. The Community Care Clinic is the lead agency and the Health Center provides the facility.</p> <p>The clinic in Franklin will initially be open one night a week on Wednesday's from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The clinic will offer basic primary care provided by volunteer physicians and midlevel providers.</p> | | |

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| <p>Community Care Clinic – Franklin Advisory Committee Members</p> | <p>Jerry Hermanson informed the committee members and guests that an Advisory Committee is an integral part in making a clinic work and be successful. He stated he was very thankful for the people who have volunteered to serve on the Advisory Committee for the Community Care Clinic in Highlands.</p> <p>Kathy McGaha announced that Jim Thurmond has graciously agreed to help in the organization of an Advisory Committee for the clinic in Franklin. Mr. Thurmond has met and talked with several people in forming this Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Thurmond said the following people have agreed to participate on this Advisory Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jim Thurmond ➤ Jim Bruckner ➤ Kathy McGaha ➤ Dom D’Ascoli ➤ Shelby Bankston ➤ Mitch Schultz ➤ Martin Wadewitz ➤ Adrianna Kirchman <p>Mr. Thurmond said consideration is still being giving for the possibility of adding additional members.</p> | | |
| <p>Recruitment Team</p> | <p>Kathy McGaha explained that other volunteer opportunities exist besides the physicians and midlevel providers. Ms. McGaha said these volunteer positions include nursing staff, clinical staff, clerical positions and translators. Mr. Hermanson stated that volunteers are very important piece in making the clinic in Franklin be successful.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha passed out copies listing the volunteer opportunities and asked everyone present to please pass</p> | | |

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| | this information on. Ms. McGaha stated that Rhonda Blanton had already forwarded this information on to all HCMC members. | | |
| Special Thanks | Anne Hyder gave special thanks to both Jerry Hermanson and Kathy McGaha for all their work hard in making the clinic in Franklin a possibility. Ronnie Beale also gave special thanks to Healthy Carolinians of Macon County for all their effort and work in the past few years to obtain this clinic. | | |
| Next Meeting Date | The date for the next meeting of the Access to Care Committee will be determined at a later date. | | |