

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

DATE: April 7, 2008

PLACE: Angel Medical Center

TIME: 12:00 N – 2:00 PM

ATTENDEES: Rhonda Blanton, Jim Bruckner, Dorothy Crawford, John Crawford, Tammy Dills, Lisa Hilliard, Jane Kimsey, Kathy McGaha, Jim Thurmond, Linda Tyler and Martin Wadewitz

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Lisa Hilliard welcomed everyone to today's meeting of the Access to Care Committee. Ms. Hilliard asked the committee members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Dorothy Crawford motioned for the approval of the minutes. Jane Kimsey 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Lunch	Lunch was provided by Marty Wadewitz and Angel Medical Center.		
Free Clinic Article in Shopper	<p>Kathy McGaha asked the committee members to review the recent article that was in <i>The Macon County News & Shopping Guide</i>. The article covered the topic of a free clinic in the Franklin area.</p> <p>The article stated that Highlands Mayor Don Mullen presented the need for a clinic in Franklin at a joint meeting on March 18th between the County Commissioners, Franklin Alderman and Highlands' Commissioners and other local government officials.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha reminded the committee members that the need for basic primary care for the uninsured and underinsured was first identified in the 2003 HCMC Health Assessment. Ms. McGaha said this need was also identified in later HCMC health assessments.</p>		
Report from Primary Care Clinic Subcommittee Meeting and Review Updated Action Plan	<p>Kathy McGaha stated that Jim Bruckner, Marty Wadewitz and herself has recently met to discuss and determine the steps in starting a primary care clinic in the Franklin area. Ms. McGaha said ideas and suggestions from this meeting helped in updating the <u>Access to Health Care</u> action plan.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha asked the committee members to review the</p>		

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	<p>updated action plan and specifically look at #3 – Intervention – Establish a Primary Care Clinic for Indigent Residents. Ms. McGaha reviewed the Community Partners (Roles and Responsibilities) and evaluation measures for this intervention.</p> <p>Jane Kimsey found a document on the internet titled – <i>Comparison of the Rural Health Clinic and Federally Qualified Health Center Programs</i>. The primary intent of this document is to provide a general comparison of the financial components of the Rural Health Clinic and Federally Qualified Health Center programs under Medicare and Medicaid. Tammy Dills made copies of this document for the committee members.</p>		
<p>Further Development of Primary Care Clinic Action Plan</p>	<p>After a group discussion, the committee members decided to hold a special meeting to discuss and finalize the establishment of a primary care clinic for indigent residents in the Franklin area. The committee members considered who needed to be invited to this meeting and when and where this meeting will be held.</p> <p>The committee members suggested the following people for consideration to be invited to this special meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Horton • Don Sandoval • Board of Commissioners • Fred Jones • Dr. Franks • Dr. Ronnie Campbell • Dr. Golightly • Access to Care committee members <p>Rhonda Blanton and Sue Blaine will work on the details for the meeting and contact the invitees once everything has been set.</p>		<p>The special called meeting for the Access to Care Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 7th, at Angel Medical Ctr. starting at 5:30 PM.</p> <p>The invitees are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marty Wadewitz • Jim Bruckner • Kathy McGaha • Lisa Hilliard • Fred Jones • Jack Horton • Don Sandoval • Jim Davis • Charlie Leatherman • Tammy Dills

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Other Items of Discussion	Kathy McGaha reminded the committee members of HCMC’s upcoming Full Partnership Meeting. It will be held on May 21 st , starting at 8:30 AM in Angel Medical Centers’ Cafeteria. Ms. McGaha said the meeting will highlight HCMC’s accomplishments during the last ten years. Rhonda Blanton reminded the committee members to please RSVP for this event.		
Next Meeting Date	<p>The special called meeting for the Access to Care Committee exact date, time and location will be determined later.</p> <p>The next regular meeting for the Access to Care Committee will be held on Friday, May 30th, from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM in the Video Conference Room at Angel Medical Center.</p>		(See Above)