

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

**DATE:** June 14, 2010

**PLACE:** Health and Human Services Committee

**TIME:** 12:00 N – 1:30 PM

**ATTENDEES:** Rhonda Blanton, Jerry Hermanson, Lisa Hilliard, Kathy McGaha, Jackie Romanski, Linda Tyler and Martin Wadewitz

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	<p>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. Marty Wadewitz motioned for the approval of the minutes. Jerry Hermanson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.</p>		
Free Clinic Update	<p>Kathy McGaha gave an update on the Free Clinic to the committee members. Ms. McGaha reminded the committee members that the Free Clinic is held on Wednesday nights at the Public Health Center from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha listed the numbers for the Free Clinic.</p> <p>February – 13 visits/13 new patients March – 70 visits/59 new patients April – 93 visits/69 new patients May – 87 visits/53 new patients</p> <p>Ms. McGaha said an Advisory Committee oversees the operations of the Free Clinic. Ms. McGaha listed the current top priorities the Advisory Committee are working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recruitment of physicians</li><li>• Fundraising</li><li>• Possibility of adding a second night</li></ul> <p>Ms. McGaha said 5 local physicians have volunteered to work at the clinic so far. Ms. McGaha said Dr. Choi and Mike Neidig are also offering their services on certain nights.</p>		

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	<p>Jerry Hermanson stated the numbers have dropped at the Highlands Clinic since the one in Franklin has opened. Mr. Hermanson said this will now give them the chance to go out into the community to advertise their services and fundraise.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha said there will be a regional meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> to look at Federally Qualified Health Center's (FQHC) and is being offered by Kate B. Reynolds to consider a regional opportunity.</p>		
Next Access to Care Topic	<p>Kathy McGaha next asked the committee members to consider the next Access to Care topic for this committee to undertake. Ms. McGaha asked the committee members for suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Mental Health               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need for more psychiatrists                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mental Health Committee already exists</li> <li>➤ Mental Health Task Force already exists</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Comprehensive Physical Activity               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Affordability for low-income                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Chronic Disease Review</li> <li>➤ Another community group working on this topic</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• FQHC's               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Topic considered before                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Consider again after report of regional FQHC meeting being held on June 25th</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Specialty Care               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dialysis                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Certificate of Need</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Lab work for low-income, underinsured</li> <li>○ Radiology</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor Healthcare Reform                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inform, educate, summarize</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Access to Healthy Foods                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Affordability                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Chronic Disease Review</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Focus on Outcomes vs. Process                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Quality Indicators</li> <li>○ (Will obtain more information on this suggestion from Mr. Bruckner)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Access to Care Committee will be held on Monday, July 26 <sup>th</sup> , from 12:00 N – 1:30 PM in the Administrative Conference Room at Angel Medical Center.		