

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Community Needs Assessment Committee

DATE: April 23, 2009

PLACE: Health and Human Services Building

TIME: 9:00 – 10:30 AM

ATTENDEES: Becky Barr, Rhonda Blanton, Anne Hyder, Jane Kimsey, Kathy McGaha, Sheila Southard, Yvonne Smith, Carlos Vargas, Martin Wadewitz and Vince West

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome	Anne Hyder welcomed everyone to today's meeting of the Community Needs Assessment Committee. Ms. Hyder explained that this was an initial meeting to reactivate this committee and start preparing for the 2011 Community Health Assessment.		
2011 Community Health Assessment	Anne Hyder explained that it was time to start planning for the 2011 Community Health Assessment. Ms. Hyder asked Kathy McGaha to review a timeline for this project. Ms. McGaha said the 2011 Community Health Assessment is due to be turned in by December 2011. Ms. McGaha said on average it takes 12 to 18 months to complete this assessment. Ms. McGaha said the assessment process needs to be started by Spring 2010.		
NC-CATCH	Kathy McGaha informed the committee members about NC-CATCH. The North Carolina CATCH (Comprehensive Assessment for Tracking Community Health) is a collaborative effort between UNCC and state and local public health agencies in the state. Ms. McGaha next showed several examples of data that could be obtained from NC-CATCH. Ms. McGaha said that NC-CATCH is a very valuable resource tool.		
Evaluation of where we stand on Macon County's health priorities	Kathy McGaha led the committee members through a discussion of the evaluation of where we stand on Macon County's health priorities. Ms. McGaha passed out a handout covering the 2008 State of the County Health Report for Macon County, NC. Ms. McGaha first reviewed the Health Priorities from the 2007 Community Health Assessment. The top five were:		

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to Primary Care 2. Strengthening Families to Reduce Risky Behavior 3. Planning for Future Senior Needs 4. Environmental Quality 5. Mental Health/Substance Abuse <p>Ms. McGaha next looked at a Review of Major Health Indicators which included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Top Ten Leading Causes of Death in Macon County 2. Top Ten Hospital Discharge Rates for Disease, Injuries, and Disabilities in Macon County 3. Other Health Related Information Pertinent to Macon County <p>Ms. McGaha next reviewed the Status of the Selected Priorities at the End of 2008. Ms. McGaha reviewed each of the top five Health Priorities from the 2007 Community Health Assessment. Ms. McGaha took each priority and listed their progress and also the barriers and challenges of each.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha lastly reviewed the Changes in Macon County's Economic and Political Environment Affecting Health including recent economic downturns. Ms. McGaha then reviewed a list of New and Emerging Health Issues for Macon County.</p>		
<p>Discussion of who will need to be added to the next Community Needs Assessment Committee</p>	<p>Anne Hyder next asked the committee members to consider who will need to be added to this committee. The following suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hispanic Representative ▪ School System ▪ Veteran's Clinic ▪ Macon County Transit ▪ Julie Durham-Defee's Replacement ▪ Faith-based Community 		

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Other Items for Discussion	<p>Other Items for Discussion were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kathy McGaha invited everyone to the Full Partnership Meeting on May 28th from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at Tartan Hall. Ms. McGaha explained that a viewing of a 30-minute segment from the documentary series – “Unnatural Causes.” Ms. McGaha said after this viewing the audience will discuss and explore how policy and environmental circumstances are affecting the lives of Macon County residents. Ms. McGaha reminded the committee members to RSVP to Rhonda Blanton. ○ Kathy McGaha reminded the committee members to please fill out a Participation Form and return this form to Rhonda Blanton. ○ Kathy McGaha informed the committee members that Smithson Hill with the CARA program at Mars Hill is leaving that position. Ms. McGaha said if she had the YRBS data to him by next Monday, a student could scan and clean the data. Ms. McGaha said this would leave the YRBS data calculated and in an Excel file. Ms. McGaha said she will check into other options to combine our data with the state data once it is available. Ms. McGaha said one possible option was to contact Tom Plaut. 	<p>Kathy McGaha asked the committee members to RSVP to Rhonda Blanton for the Full Partnership Meeting.</p> <p>Kathy McGaha reminded the committee members to fill out a Participation Form and return it to Rhonda Blanton.</p>	
Next Meeting Date	<p>The next meeting of the Community Needs Assessment Committee will be held on Thursday, October 15th, from 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM in Meeting Rooms A/B at the Health and Human Services Building.</p>		