

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Mental Health Committee

DATE: November 21, 2008

PLACE: Health and Human Services Building

TIME: 9:00 – 10:30 AM

ATTENDEES: Kim Angel, Rhonda Blanton, Jim Bruckner, Warren Cabe, Julie Durham-Defee, Robert Holland, Tammy Keezer, David Key, Jane Kimsey, Paula Ledford, Kathy McGaha, Mike Neidig, Martin Wadewitz and Brian Welch

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Jim Bruckner welcomed everyone to today’s meeting of the Mental Health Committee. Mr. Bruckner asked the committee members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Jane Kimsey motioned for the approval of the minutes. Kim Angel 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
School Based Mental Health Services RFP	Paula Ledford and Kathy McGaha updated the committee members on the School Based Mental Health Services RFP. Ms. McGaha said that 3 Letters of Intent had been received and of these two proposals are being reviewed. Once this review is complete, Ms. Ledford and Ms. McGaha will come back to the next meeting and present their findings with suggestions.	Paula Ledford and Kathy McGaha at the next meeting will present their findings and suggestions from the two proposals for the School Based Mental Health Services.	
Update on County 160A Option	<p>Jane Kimsey updated the committee members on the County 160A Option. Ms. Kimsey stated that the Macon County Board of Commissioners approved a letter on intent to Smoky Mountain Center to explore the feasibility of forming an intergovernmental service authority to provide mental health and substance abuse services for the seven western regional counties.</p> <p>Ms. Kimsey stated that Federal Medicaid will prohibit utilization management entities from providing any direct services. This will impact services that our local LME is currently providing including emergency, psychiatric and crisis stabilization.</p> <p>Ms. Kimsey stated that a meeting was recently held on October 24th at the Health and Human Services Building. This meeting was held for Smoky Mountain Center and the Macon Mental Health Task Force plus invited local guests to further discuss the 160A Option.</p>		

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Update on County Transportation Plan	<p>Brian Welch updated the committee members on the County Transportation Plan. Mr. Welch said during the last meeting the committee members had agreed upon forming a sub-committee to discuss and assist Mr. Welch with the transportation plan.</p> <p>After a group discussion, Mr. Welch selected the date of December 5th. The sub-committee will meet from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM in Meeting Rooms A/B at the Health and Human Services Building. Rhonda Blanton will send out meeting information to a selected list of invitees given to her by Mr. Welch.</p> <p>Mr. Welch stated that factors to consider were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Who could be considered to be transportation personnel? ➤ What qualifications are needed? ➤ What training must be provided? ➤ What additional resources will be needed? ➤ Would this need to be a separate budget line item? (Mr. Bruckner volunteered to further explore and work on this factor.) 	<p>Rhonda Blanton will send out meeting information to a selected list of invitees for the Transportation Plan meeting.</p> <p>Jim Bruckner will further explore and work on transportation being a separate line item for the budget.</p>	
Report from SMC	<p>Julie Durham-Defee informed the committee members that Smoky Mountain Center had recently conducted two local Providers Meetings. Ms. Durham-Defee said the next Provider Meeting is scheduled for December 17th at the offices for Smoky Mountain Center on Thomas Heights Road.</p> <p>Ms. Durham-Defee reported that Haywood Regional Hospital’s inpatient psychiatric unit had opened on November 17th. Ms. Durham-Defee also reported that Balsam Center would open back up on November 25th.</p>		
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Mental Health Committee will be held on Friday, December 19 th , from 9:00 – 10:30 AM in the ICU Conference Room at Angel Medical Center.		

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