

**MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Mental Health Committee**

**DATE:** December 19, 2008

**PLACE:** Angel Medical Center

**TIME:** 9:00 – 10:30 AM

**ATTENDEES:** Kim Angel, Ronnie Beale, Rhonda Blanton, Warren Cabe, Julie Durham-Defee, Tammy Keezer, Jane Kimsey, Shelly Lackey, Paula Ledford, Kathy McGaha, Mike Neidig, Roberta Swank, Martin Wadewitz and Brian Welch

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Jane Kimsey welcomed everyone to today’s meeting of the Mental Health Committee. Ms. Kimsey asked the committee members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Paula Ledford motioned for the approval of the minutes. Julie Durham-Defee 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Introductions	Jane Kimsey asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented.		
School Based Mental Health Services RFP	<p>Kathy McGaha gave a brief update on the School Based Mental Health Services RFP. Ms. McGaha reported that two local providers had each turned in a RFP by November 20<sup>th</sup>. Ms. McGaha stated that additional information was requested from each provider by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Ms. McGaha said the School Review Team met on December 9<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha informed the committee members that the School Based Mental Health Services RFP would be further discussed in closed session during the Mental Health Task Force meeting.</p>		
Update on County 160A Option	<p>Ronnie Beale stated that he thinks most county managers and county commissioners for the seven western counties are optimistic about the 160A Option. Mr. Beale said Macon County Commissioners discussed the 160A Option at their November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Macon’s Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution in support of further studying the 160A Option.</p> <p>Jane Kimsey reminded the committee members that the Mental Health Task Force would be submitting a report and business plan to the County Commissioners at their meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>.</p>		

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Update on County Transportation Plan	<p>Brian Welch informed the committee members that the Transportation Sub-Committee had met on December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Health and Human Services Building. He said representative from the Sheriff’s Office, Emergency Services, Transit Services, Angel Medical Center and Smoky Mountain Center were in attendance.</p> <p>Some of the issues that these representatives discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Who should be designated to provide this transportation?</li> <li>▪ Whether to use full or part-time employees, or both?</li> <li>▪ What rate of pay?</li> <li>▪ Minimum qualifications required for employees.</li> <li>▪ What training and education requirements would need to be met?</li> <li>▪ What vehicles would be available?</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Welch said four alternatives were developed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keep doing what we currently are doing and see what changes are going to happen with Mental Health Reform and Smoky Mountain Center</li> <li>2. Develop a contract with WestCare</li> <li>3. Develop a separate budget line item for the county budget</li> <li>4. Center everything in one location like AMC</li> </ol>		
Report from SMC	<p>Shelly Lackey reported on the closing of the Adult Recovery Unit at the Balsam Center on December 12<sup>th</sup> due to staffing shortages. Ms. Lackey did state that the Haywood Behavioral Health Unit expanded from six to nine beds on December 15<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Ms. Lackey said Smoky Mountain Center has plans to establish three mobile crisis teams. Ms. Lackey said the planned date for Macon County was January 11<sup>th</sup>.</p>		

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Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Mental Health Committee will be held on Friday, February 20 <sup>th</sup> , from 9:00 – 10:30 AM in the Video Conference Room at Angel Medical Center.		