

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Mental Health Committee**DATE:** October 17, 2008**PLACE:** Health and Human Services Building**TIME:** 9:00 – 10:30 AM**ATTENDEES:** Kim Angel, Rhonda Blanton, Jim Bruckner, Warren Cabe, Rhonda Cox, Julie Durham-Defee, Tammy Keezer, David Key, Paula Ledford, Kathy McGaha, Mike Neidig, Roberta Swank 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. Paula Ledford motioned for the approval of the minutes. Kim Angel 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Introductions	Jim Bruckner asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented.		
Report from SMC	Julie Durham-Defee gave a brief update to the committee members on the current status of things happening at Smoky Mountain Center. Ms. Durham-Defee said currently representatives from Smoky Mountain Center are meeting with representatives from each of the seven western counties about the 160A Option. Smoky Mountain Center will meet with this committee on October 24 th from 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM in Meeting Rooms A/B at the Health and Human Services Building.		
Update on County Transportation Plan	Brian Welch updated the committee members on the County Transportation Plan. Mr. Welch stated that there needs to be a transportation plan for Macon County whether or not the 160A Plan is used. Mr. Welch described a transportation issue that that had occurred with a recent mental health admission. Mr. Welch explained that one recent admission took 6 days and 14 hours to complete. Mr. Welch said two police officers were tied up with this admission. Mr. Welch stressed that this is just one example of what happens on these admissions.		

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	Jim Bruckner suggested that a Transportation Sub-Committee should be established to assist Mr. Welch with this topic. The committee members agreed. Mr. Welch said he will set-up this sub-committee and contact possible members. Rhonda Blanton will assist him if needed.	Brian Welch will form a Transportation Sub-Committee. Rhonda Blanton will assist him if needed.	
School Based Mental Health Services RFP	<p>Paula Ledford and Kathy McGaha updated the committee members on the School Based Mental Health Services RFP. Ms. McGaha reminded the committee members that the RFP's were issued on September 25th and an Informational Meeting was held on October 2nd.</p> <p>Ms. McGaha said three letters of intent had been received so far. Ms. McGaha said November 20th will be the final date to accept them.</p>		
County 160A Option	<p>Jim Bruckner led the committee members into a group discussion on the County 160A Option. Mr. Bruckner passed out handouts for the committee members to review.</p> <p>Mr. Bruckner reviewed the six components that a service authority will provide. A service authority will provide those services deemed critical by counties, which are most appropriately provided by a government entity due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High risk population served• 24/7 response• Challenging service requirements• Requirement for highly credentialed and experienced staff• Interdependence upon other service components for effective operation• Lack of private provider capacity <p>It is not the mission of the 160A to provide services which are otherwise being provided.</p>		

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	<p>Mr. Bruckner also wanted the committee members to be aware of the Divestiture Options for SMC Operated Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Decline Funding (the Board has ruled this option out).B. RFP Mobile Crisis Management OnlyC. RFP All LME Operated Services as PackageD. New River Service Expansion (Feedback from New River CEOE. Southern Region 160A FormationF. New River Service + Governance Expansion <p>Mr. Bruckner asked the committee members to read and review the handouts, so this committee can discuss the 160A Option further at the next meeting.</p>		
Information/Referral Line	Rhonda Blanton updated the committee members on a local information/referral line. Ms. Blanton said at a recent meeting held at the Senior Services Building, the forms used to gather information on agencies were passed out. Ms. Blanton said she will bring copies to the next meeting.	Rhonda Blanton will bring copies of the forms used to gather information for the referral line to the next meeting.	
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Mental Health Committee will be held on Friday, November 21 st , from 9:00 – 10:30 AM in Meeting Rooms A/B at the Health and Human Services Building.		