

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Strengthening Families Committee

DATE: January 13, 2011

PLACE: CARENET

TIME: 12:00 N – 1:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Vanessa Bailey, Rebecca Barboff, Rhonda Blanton, Ronnie Haven, Jane Kimsey, Linda Mathias, Kathy McGaha, Sherrie Peeler, Paul Sears and Chuck Sutton

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Vanessa Bailey welcomed everyone to today's meeting of the Strengthening Families Committee. Ms. Bailey asked the committee members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Jane Kimsey motioned for the approval of the minutes. Linda Mathias 2 nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.		
Introductions	Vanessa Bailey introduced today's guests: ▪ Ronnie Haven – Macon County Board of Commissioners ▪ Chuck Sutton – Macon Program for Progress Ms. Bailey then asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell what organization they represented.		
Homelessness Action Planning	Kathy McGaha asked that further discussion of this topic be delayed till the next meeting.		
Point in Time Homeless Count and Warmth in Winter Event	Kathy McGaha next led the committee members into a discussion on the Point in Time Homeless Count and Warmth in Winter Event. <u>Warmth in Winter</u> Ms. McGaha stated that the Warmth in Winter event will be held on Wednesday, January 26th, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at CARENET. Ms. Bailey said CARENET will offer a hot meal and blankets for free while supplies last. Ms. Bailey said eligible persons will also receive further assistance if needed. Ms. McGaha said that Jennifer Garrett had designed a flyer for the event; which was available in English and Spanish. Linda Mathias offered to put up flyers around town. Rhonda Blanton will print the flyers and have them ready for Ms. Mathias to pick up.	Rhonda Blanton will print the flyers (English and Spanish) for Linda Mathias. Linda Mathias will post the flyers around town.	

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	Ms. Garrett had also volunteered to fix enough cookies to feed everyone at the event. Ms. McGaha offered to assist Ms. Garrett with this. Ms. Blanton said she had been in contact with Domino's about the breadsticks. Domino's tentatively agreed, but was due for equipment replacement and didn't know the exact dates that would occur. Ms. Bailey said she did not have blankets available to pass out and would probably have to purchase them. Chuck Sutton offered assistance with the blanket purchase. <u>Point in Time Homeless Count</u> Ms. McGaha reminded the committee members that the Point in Time Homeless Count is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26th and covers a 24-hour period. Ms. McGaha said the training for the Point in Time Homeless Count would be held on January 12th. Ms. McGaha said this count provides a tally of who is homeless on this particular night throughout the state. Ms. McGaha explained that this count covers sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and also those considered precariously housed. Ms. McGaha reminded the committee members that since Macon County did not have a homeless shelter, our numbers would be gathered from the Warmth in Winter event at CARENET and other agencies around the county. Ms. McGaha stated that this would be second year that Macon County had participated.	Jennifer Garrett will bake cookies for the Warmth in Winter event. Ms. McGaha offered to assist her. Rhonda Blanton will recheck with Domino's about the breadsticks. Chuck Sutton offered assistance with the blanket purchase.	

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Other Items for Discussion	Other Items for Discussion: - o Kathy McGaha announced that the upcoming Community Needs Assessment meeting will be held on February 23rd, from 8:30 -10:30 AM in Meeting Rooms A/B at the Health and Human Services Building. Ms. McGaha stated that Bill Stiles would be present at this meeting. Ms. McGaha asked if anyone was interested in being involved with the next Community Health Assessment, to let her know. - o Kathy McGaha informed the committee members that the information from the 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey is now posted on our website. - o Sheila Southard updated the committee members on the latest numbers from the Resource Center. Ms. Southard explained that they are still trying to gather information from local entities – ex: agencies, clubs, businesses, etc. - o Vanessa Bailey announced that the CARENET Thrift Store was moving to the old Social Security Office Building next to Westgate Plaza. - o Ronnie Haven stated that currently and in the past he had put people up in his motels, which were either homeless or experiencing housing problems. Mr. Haven was very interested in this particular topic and hoped to meet again with this committee to discuss this topic further.		
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting date of the Strengthening Families Committee will be held on Thursday, February 17th, from 12:00 N – 1:30 PM at CARENET.		