

Alliance for Health/Healthy Carolinians

Full Partnership Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

ANNUAL MEETING

T. R. Harris Conference Center – Cleveland Regional Medical Center

8:30 AM.

Attendance:	Beth Moore	Colette DuPree	Belkis Salazar
	Jerry Self	William Thompson	Bob Davis
	Tom Crider	Susan Borders	Rita Wortman
	Margie Christopher	Judy Hawkins	Matthew Holland
	Phyllis B. Sims	Betty Lott	Robert Miller
	Zeppora McClain	Raymond Hamrick	Denese Stallings
	Patti Norman	Nelson Connor	Bonnie Koelle
	Barbara Dover	Kim Clemmons	Penny Parker
	Karen Folk	Teela Peeler	Joanie Mabry
	Nell Lockhart	Chris Melton	Karma Edwards
	Kerri Brutko	Paula Vess	Laurie Varley
	Janice Anderson	Ginger Norman	Tom Hassell
	Len Byers	Pam Bright	Cindy Borders
	Louverne McCray	Linda Page	Stephanie Herndon
	Dotty Leatherwood	Vickie Wyatt	Jimmy Hines
	Sarah Thach	Anne Short	Sandra Johnson

Call to Order: 8:30 by Denese Stallings. She recognized special guests Commissioner Jerry Self, Sheriff Raymond Hamrick, and Sarah Thach, the western regional coordinator for Healthy Carolinians partnerships. Those present enjoyed a delicious breakfast. Reverend William Thompson offered the invocation.

Topic of Discussion	Discussion	Result
November minutes	The minutes of the November meeting were presented for approval.	Action: Bob Davis moved and Tom Crider seconded the motion that the minutes be approved as distributed. The motion carried.
Annual Report	Anne Short presented the annual report for the Alliance for Health. A copy is attached. Sarah Thach spoke about the importance of the Healthy Carolinians program and encouraged those present to stay involved in the coalitions and committees of the Alliance for Health.	Action: Information only
“Assembling the Puzzle”	Jimmy Hines led those present in a mini-visioning exercise to help determine the future of the Alliance for Health. A copy of the results is attached.	Action: Information only

Agency Sharing:

Cleveland Regional Medical Center	Dotty Leatherwood first recognized Sandra Johnson, the new Executive Director of the Abuse Prevention Council and welcomed her to the Alliance. She reminded members that the pile of dirt at the rear of CRMC is not a 4 wheeler driving course but the beginning of a new Emergency Department and a new Outpatient Surgery Center. The building process should be completed in about 18 months.
JOURNEY	Len Byers reported for JOURNEY – An End of Life Partnership. He noted that the two primary goals of JOURNEY are caregiver support and end of life support. He stated that Ann Robinson would be in Cleveland County in April to talk about care giving.
Health Education/Health Promotion/CODAP	Jimmy Hines thanked Sheriff Raymond Hamrick for helping to fund the Student Drug Use Survey for grades 7, 9 and 12 in the Cleveland County Schools. The survey will be conducted in March, 2006. He also noted that the Fit Together program and the Alliance collaborated with the City of Shelby to submit an application for Fit Community designation as well as for grant funds.
Cleveland County Health Department	Denese Stallings noted that the Health Department will undergo accreditation in 2008. They are currently involved in bioterrorism training for staff members. She also stated that the Board of Health is writing a letter to the Editor of the STAR about the new vision screening requirement for

	students entering kindergarten. The Board has taken a position against this requirement and is advocating that it be rescinded. Most children get this screening through the pre-kindergarten physical and requiring the screening places an extra burden on the parents.
United Way of Cleveland County	Tom Hassell distributed a handout on a workshop for nonprofit board members entitled "A Primer for Board Members". The workshop will be on March 3 from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Neal Senior Center. He especially encouraged that younger people in emerging leadership roles take this training as they often do not have a sense of their total responsibility as a board member.
Childrens Homes of Cleveland County	Margie Christopher reported the Heart Gallery composed of photos of 12 of the 16 children awaiting adoption, has been a success. The Gallery is now at Gardner-Webb University and in March will be at Spangler Library in Lawndale. Ten families have expressed interest in adoption. She stated that they will participate in the Southeastern Heart Gallery after exhibits close in Cleveland County; this means our children's' photos will be seen in a five state regional. She also noted that Randy McNeilly, who donated the photography, has written in a national photography publication about his experience.
Youth Resource Council	Kerri Brutko stated that she is now in the process of revitalizing the HOPE Team, Health Outreach through Peer Education volunteers.
Fit Together	Karma Edwards reported that she is in the middle of training day care staff members in the Be Active and Color Me Healthy curricula and in training more health promotion teams.
Shelby Police Department	Stephanie Herndon reported that applications are available for the Citizens Police Academy which begins a new class on February 16. Louverne McCray reported that the Shelby Police Department is implementing the We Care program, registering individuals with dementia, and passed out flyers about the program. She also noted that there will be a Community Recruiting Program on February 9 in City Council chambers.
Safe Kids Coalition	Judy Hawkins and Joanie Mabry reported on Child Passenger Safety Week activities. They are collaborating with Cleveland County Head Start and focusing on ages 4 – 8. 73% of children in this age group wear lap/shoulder belts. There will be car seat safety checks at Carter Chevrolet and in Kings Mountain as a part of this event.
CRMC Cancer Center	Rita Wortman stated that the Cancer Center is sponsoring a cancer screening on March 4; there will be announcements in the newspaper about this event.
Abuse Prevention Council	Belkis Salazer stated that she is the bilingual program coordinator for APC. Collette DuPree announced that APC is sponsoring a flea market on March 11 at Shelby City Park Gym. Sandra Johnson, the new Executive Director, reported that they are interest in establishing a Healthy Lifestyles program for women who are APC clients involving nutrition, tobacco cessation and physical activity. She reported that she will participate in Free Fall in April, jumping out of an airplane to mark April as Sexual Violence Awareness Month.
Cleveland Association of Volunteer Administrators	Ginger Norman reported that CAVA is planning the annual county-wide volunteer recognition for April 6 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Nominations for the volunteer awards are due in on March 6. Youth, adults and groups may be nominated. Ms. Norman also stated that she has applications for the Teen Volunteer program for CRMC and KMH. Last year 70 teens participated in this program. Students in the 8 th -12 th grades are eligible if they are 14-18 years of age.
Child Care Health Consultant	Penny Parker reported that she is now doing technical assistance visits to child care facilities regarding health and safety issues.
Cleveland Home Health Agency	Teela Peeler reported that CHHA is 40 years old this month. They are participating in a number of health fairs.
Communities in Schools	Karen Folk stated that CIS programs serve after schools students, teen moms, and character education classes. They are sponsoring a job shadowing event tomorrow and need a few more jobs to offer.
Cardiovascular Initiative	Vickie Wyatt reported that February is Heart Month and that some churches in the county are sponsoring Go Red Sundays. Health Promotion Teams have been trained at David Baptist Church, Central United Methodist Church and Double Springs Baptist Church bringing the total of health promotion teams to 18.
Mental Health Association	Bonnie Koelle reported that they are sponsoring community education events on schizophrenia in the next month.
Mayors Task Force on Homelessness	Barbara Dover reported that the Task Force has completed a census of the homeless and found 20 men, 12 women and 5 children in the January count.
Detention Center	Betty Lott as Director of Inmate Programs stated that they are reviewing the security system for volunteers at the Detention Center. Currently 100 volunteers work with the incarcerated population providing Life Skills, GED classes, AA meetings and the Reading Fathers program.
Cleveland County Sheriff	Raymond Hamrick commented on his recent accident stating that he was really not trying out for a reality TV program. He said the experience has made him review his thoughts about end of life

	issues and emphasized the importance of family and community. He thanked the community for their support.
Court Security	Phyllis Sims as Detention Administrator/Court Security noted that changes were underway in court security procedures.
County Commission	Jerry Self, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, stated that the primary focus of their work now is economic development. He also noted that the commissioners are requiring board training for all individuals who are appointed to boards, committees, or councils by the commissioners.
Pathways LME	Bob Davis noted that they continue to work through state imposed changes. New service definitions are effective on March 20 and training is available on these definitions. Nelson Connor was present as a community advocate for Pathways.
Access Care	Susan Borders reported on targeting asthma and diabetes. She urged those present to use the NC Tobacco Use Quitline at 1-8---QUITNOW. This is available in Spanish and English.
Head Start	Kim Clemmons noted that they are currently accepting applications for the 06-07 school year. They estimate that 175 will be affected by the new vision screening requirement. Patti Norman stated that Head Start currently serves 244 children; 90% of their students are from families at or below the federal poverty level.
Cleveland County Partnership for Children	Zeppora McClain reported on the Partnership's new project, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Children birth to 5 who are registered receive free books each month for a total library of 60 books. They are seeking funding to support this project.
Care Solutions	Chris Melton reported for Care Solutions which provides care management to adults. They have a new brochure which explains their services; they also provide a resource room on care giving for the community. Care Solutions is a part of Cleveland Regional Medical Center. They currently have 180 clients.
Spirit of Women	Paula Vess noted that Women's World Day of Dance will be on February 25 at Cleveland Community College. The hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and the event is free. There are 33 vendors, seminars, interactive dance sessions and keynote speaker Sue Kirby. They are working on a new project to challenge the community to walk more.
Minority Health Council	Robert Miller reported on the new vision and mission statements for the Minority Health Council. He stated that they are collaborating with the Health Department and the Alliance for Health to apply for Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission funds to eliminate health disparities.
Pregnancy Resource Center	Matthew Holland stated that he wanted to develop more relationships within the community to serve clients of the center more effectively.
First in Families	Janice Anderson reported that this organization serves families with members who have developmental disabilities.
Hospice and Palliative Care Cleveland County	Laurie Varley noted that they are sponsoring a social worker luncheon in March as well as their annual meeting on March 28. Their gold tournament is scheduled for June 7.
Parish Nurse Ministry	Linda Page reported that there are 15 churches with parish nurse ministries. She will attend a workshop in Greensboro focusing on mental illness/substance abuse issues.
Department of Social Services	Pam Bright stated that the DSS is partnering with United Way, Abuse Prevention Council and the Alliance for Health to sponsor training on domestic violence on March 3. She also noted that they are reorganizing the department with Karen Ellis over services and Andra Moss over finance and personnel.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Alliance for Health Partners will be on **Wednesday, April 12, 2006** at 8:30 a.m. in the T.R. Harris Conference Center. The program will be presented by the Safe Kids Coalition on the Safe Teens Driving Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Short, Recorder

James H. Hines, Jr., Secretary