

**Alliance for Health/Healthy Carolinians**  
 Full Partnership Meeting  
 Wednesday, February 14, 2007  
 T. R. Harris Conference Center – Cleveland Regional Medical Center  
 8:30 AM.

Attendance:	Betty Lott Susan Borders Jack Clevesy Tiffany Barbee Dotty Leatherwood Sherry Yocum Paula Vess Lillian Corprew Doyle Hatfield Judy Hawkins Travis Mangum	Tom Crider Karma Edwards Laurie Varley Joanie Mabry Lendra Phillips Denese Stallings Shara McGee Jane Wright Penny Parker Paulette Horne Gail Anthony	Tom Hassell Daniel Woodard Kerri Brutko Brenda Page Patti Norman Bonnie Koelle James H. Hines, Jr. June Hatfield Cheryl Huntley Nancy Jones Julie Pearson
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Call to Order: 8:30 by Chair, Denese Stallings

Topic of Discussion	Discussion	Result
Program: Bioterrorism and Pandemic Flu Plans	Sherry Yocum, Bioterrorism Coordinator for the Cleveland County Health Department, presented a program on the planning for bioterrorism and pandemic flu events that are now required in the county. She encourage members who would like to have a more detailed presentation on this topic to call her at 704-669-3134.	Action: Information only
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the November partners meetings were mailed to all partners for their review.	Action: Bonnie Koelle moved and Susan Borders seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Agency Sharing:

YMCA	Jack Clevesy and Daniel Woodard reported on the Shrinkdown project now underway in Cleveland County. Over 2300 individuals registered for this project. There is an information chapter available to participants each week and they would like to include information from other agencies in the last chapter; you may email information to Jyma Atwell at the Kings Mountain YMCA. March 16 is the grand finale event for Shrinkdown. The Cleveland County Fun Run, co-sponsored by Cleveland County Schools and Communities in Schools, will be held at Shelby High School on March 24. There will be half mile and two mile races with winners in various age groups. Registration for the Fun Run closes on February 23.
Fit Together Initiative	Karma Edwards reported that she is now training the current year's child care centers in the Be Active! and Color Me Healthy curricula. She provided a briefing on the second annual Take the StepOne Challenge, scheduled for April 28 through June 9 of this year. Cleveland County HealthCare System, the Alliance for Health, the Fit Together Initiative and Image Marketing Group are the sponsors of this walking event. The goal this year is to involve 2000 individuals in the six week long contest. It is a team event again with three to six individuals walking as a team.
Cleveland County Asthma Coalition	Susan Borders reported that the Asthma Coalition, which meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, is currently recruiting new members. The Basic Asthma Education classes meet monthly at the Dover Foundation YMCA and individuals may register through their primary care providers or through the resource line.
United Way	Tom Hassell reported that United Way is getting ready to start the fund allocation review process for its member agencies. Today is the due date for agencies to submit program information and budgets and panels of volunteers will work through mid-April to determine the allocation for each program.
Cleveland County Detention Center	Betty Lott, the inmate program director, spoke briefly about the programs offered to inmates serious about changing their lifestyles. All of the programs need volunteers from the community.

Hospice & Palliative Care Cleveland County	Laurie Varley reported that the teleconference “Living With Grief” will be held on March 22, 2007 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. There will be a panel discussion following the teleconference. She noted that Hospice & Palliative Care staff are available to provide in-service programs for agencies at their request.
Harvestworks	Julie Pearson, Community Outreach Coordinator for Harvestworks, reported that they are having an indoor rummage sale on March 3 and are willing to take donations. Gail Anthony, Program Coordinator, noted that they have started a day support program. Travis Mangum stated that Harvestworks could use help with transportation issues. They are exploring the option to provide physical therapy, horticultural therapy and recreational therapy for their participants. They need help in finding grant funding for these programs and need qualified professionals to work with their participants. They encouraged individuals to visit their pesticide-free greenhouse.
Teen Tobacco Prevention Initiative	Tiffany Barbee, coordinator for the TTP initiative, noted that they have begun to market the voluntary smoking cessation program at Crest High School and are also providing services to teens who violate the school tobacco-free policy.
Safe Kids Safe Communities	Joanie Mabry noted that this is Child Passenger Safety Week and this year the focus is on children between the ages of eight and 10. These children don’t often meet the eight years or eighty pounds rule for booster seats but they often don’t fit correctly in adult seat belts. The activities for the week focus on a safety belt fit test, trunk entrapment/power windows entrapment, and a spot the tot activity which encourages drivers to walk around the car to check for kids, toys or pets before moving the vehicle. Judy Hawkins reported on a loophole in the NC Child Passenger Restraint Law that has caused NC to forfeit federal Highway Traffic Safety Institute funding for child passenger seats. The provisions allows an exemption “if the child’s personal needs are being attended to” and was inserted in the original legislation to ease the passage of the bill. Bills have been introduced in the General Assembly to remove this statement which will again qualify NC to receive these funds. Anne Short reported that the Board of the Alliance for Health has written to endorse this change. Judy also noted that Safe Kids will focus on summer safety in upcoming programming. She reported for the CRMC Cancer Center that on March 3 there will be a skin cancer screening; you must call for an appointment.
Communities in Schools Teen Parents Cooperative Extension Service	Lendra Phillips reported that the goal of this program is to keep teen-age moms enrolled in school. She also reported that Communities in Schools needs sites for its Shelby Middle School job shadowing program scheduled for February 22. Nancy Jones reported that a tri-county workshop to help develop food entrepreneurs was coming up. She also noted that BlueCross BlueShield is offering services for weight loss; they are conducting a study for individuals with BCBS coverage and enrollment in the study has been extended through the end of May. They are looking for 800 participants.
Cleveland Home Health Agency Head Start	Cheryl Huntley is the Director of Outreach and Referrals. Staff are available for in-service training for other agencies. Patti Norman stated that Head Start is beginning recruitment for the 2007-08 school year. They currently have 244 children in 14 classrooms in the Head Start program. She also reminded those present that kindergarten orientation will be held on March 30 in Cleveland County.
Child Care Health Consultant	Penny Parker spoke about the emergency preparedness curriculum developed for child care centers by the Division of Child Development and the School of Public Health at UNC-Chapel Hill. Penny is trained to deliver this curriculum and has held several workshops this year for providers. She encouraged those present to ask their own child care providers about their emergency plans, especially regarding pandemic flu.
HIV-AIDS Council	June and Doyle Hatfield reported that the HIV-AIDS Task Force is in the process of changing their name to the HIV-AIDS Council. They have held a strategic planning workshop, written a new mission statement, and are working on a central phone number for information. They want to do more outreach education and will keep Alliance members posted about their progress.
Care Solutions	Jane Wright reported that Care Solutions has respite funds available to provide a break for caregivers; to date they have served 20 individuals and have funding for about 25 more. They have also revamped their resource room and invited members to come use it. There is a new DVD available about Care Solutions and they are available for in-service programs.
Health Disparities Initiative	Shara McGee introduced Lillian Corprew who will be the health educator for the HDI activities in Kingstown. Sara also reported for the Minority Health Council that they are recruiting for phase 2 churches for the Search Your Heart program. They are also in the process of developing a lay health advisor program for breast and prostate cancer.
Spirit of Women	Paula Vess reminded those present about two more details about the StepOne Challenge. There will be pre-registration for this event opening March 27 and closing April 13. Team captains can pick up walking logs, pedometers and conversion charts for their teams on Friday, April 27, from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Shelby City Park and Kings Mountain Hospital.

She reminded those present about the Woman's World Day of Dance scheduled for Saturday, February 24 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Cleveland Community College. Kim Johnson will be the featured speaker focusing on "Telling Your Own Story". There will be dance sessions, workshops, screenings and vendor booths. There will also be a Baby Day Camp on March 3 for prospective big brothers and sisters at T. R. Harris Conference Center. This event will focus on what to expect and how to help the newest family member.

Cleveland County  
Health Department

Denese Stallings announced that there is a new dentist to see children. Dr. Seery will see children 0-21 years of age, from 8:00-5:00, Monday through Friday, at the Dental Clinic on the third floor of the Health Department.

Mental Health  
Association

Bonnie Koelle announced that she was retiring as Executive Director of the Mental Health Association effective March 1, 2007. They are in the process of interviewing candidates for the director's position.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Alliance for Health Partners will be on **June 13, 2007** at 8:30 a.m. in the T.R. Harris Conference Center. At this meeting we will elect new board members and officers for the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Health.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Short, Recorder

Richard Hooker, Jr., Secretary