

Alliance for Health/Healthy Carolinians
 Full Partnership Meeting
 Wednesday, September 13, 2006
 T. R. Harris Conference Center – Cleveland Regional Medical Center
 8:30 AM.

Attendance: Nancy Jones Zeppora McClain Susan Borders
 Paula Vess Raymond C. Hamrick Jane Wright
 Brenda Page Noel T. Manning II Laurie Varley
 Darrin Hartness Phil Weathers Donna Carpenter
 Kerri Brutko Karma Edwards Shara McGee
 Jennifer Noble Suzi Kennedy Sheila Peeler
 Sally Nanney Sharon Robbs James H. Hines, Jr.
 Dotty Leatherwood Tom Hassell Joanie Mabry
 Judy Hawkins Rhett Melton Hays Burchfield
 Nelson Connor Lendra Phillips Daniel Woodard

Guests: Sheree Smith, Cindy Teddy, Travis Mangum, Arnitra Oates - Harvestworks

Call to Order: 8:30 by Vice-Chair, Dotty Leatherwood

Topic of Discussion	Discussion	Result
Program: Student Drug Use Survey Results	James H. Hines, Jr., Director of Health Education/Health Promotion and CODAP Services at the Cleveland County Health Department presented the results of the Student Drug Use Survey completed in the 6 th , 9 th and 12 th grades of the Cleveland County Schools in March, 2006. He noted that with this survey, we now have valid trend data from 2000 through 2006 that is valuable in program design and implementation. He also noted that student drug use is not just a school issue, but a community issue. A copy of the Executive Summary and Trend Data was distributed to those present. For additional information, please contact Jimmy Hines at 704-484-5241.	Action: Information only
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the February, April and June partners meetings were mailed to all partners for their review.	Action: Nelson Connor moved and Judy Hawkins seconded the motion to approve the three sets of minutes. The motion carried.
Amendment to By Laws	Anne Short presented a proposed amendment to the By-Laws to frame what constitutes a quorum for board action. The proposed change would allow members to participate through conference call and/or to register their votes through a fax transmission. The board members present still have the potential to table an issue for action until such time as a quorum is present.	Action: Suzi Kennedy moved and Lendra Phillips seconded a motion to approve this change in the By-Laws. The motion carried.

Agency Sharing:

Minority Health Conference Anne Short distributed flyers and brochures about the Minority Health Conference scheduled for Saturday, October 21, at Cleveland Community College. She asked those present to share this information with their agency staff and clients. Dotty Leatherwood emphasized the importance of the health disparities issue, noting that at Baptist Hospital the rate of minorities having open heart surgery was only 1%. Ms. Short stated that partner members should watch for notices about the conference in the mail, asking them to consider having displays at the conference.

Communities in Schools Lendra Phillips, a parent educator at Shelby and Crest High Schools, stated that they continue to work with pregnant and parenting teens at the four high schools. She reported that CIS still needs mentors for students in the Hands Need Hands program.

United Way of Cleveland County Tom Hassell reported that Make a Difference Day will be Saturday, October 28; they currently have 57 projects on the schedule and are recruiting more project. More information on Make a Difference Day can be found on the website www.uwcleveco.org. He noted that October 3 would be United Way T shirt night at the Cleveland County Fair with free admission to those individuals qualifying

Cancer Services CRMC	for T-shirts through their campaign pledges. Judy Hawkins reported a prostate cancer screening event at CRMC is scheduled for September 20 and a Skin Cancer screening events is scheduled for Kings Mountain Hospital on September 23. There will be a Pink Tea for breast cancer awareness on October 7, also at Kings Mountain Hospital.
Safe Kids Cleveland County	Joanie Mabry reported that the Safe Kids Coalition will be at the Cleveland County Fair again this year in the Safety Zone. The Great Safety Adventure will be in the Safety Zone on October 3-5 as well.
Pathways	Rhett Melton reported that Pathways is working through additional changes imposed by statutes, defining what Local Management Entities can and cannot do, as well as what the Secretary of DHHS can and cannot do. He noted that there is new money in the mental health system for mental health and substance abuse services. He encouraged members to go to the Pathways website for quick information on the 172 contract providers in the Pathways system; the website is www.pathmhdds.org . There will also be a "report card" on each provider posted soon.
Dover Foundation Family YMCA	Daniel Woodard reported the YMCA is partnering with 5 other agencies to institute Shrinkdown Cleveland County beginning January 8, 2007. The program is ten weeks in duration, free to anyone in the county, and provides weekly weigh-ins and educational programming. It is modeled on a successful program from Greenville, SC.
Fit Together Initiative	Karma Edwards noted that the Fit Together Initiative is beginning to recruit new churches, work sites and day care centers to participate in the 06-07 year. Thirteen child care providers will be competing in a walking contest beginning in October. The local Fit Together programs were featured on NC Now, on the UNC-TV system and will also present at the American Public Health Association national meeting in Boston in November.
Life Enrichment Center	Suzy Kennedy stated that Teepa Snow will be in Shelby on October 26 for an Alzheimer's Workshop at Gardner-Webb University. Registration is required and she distributed posters about this event. She also stated that PBS is doing a documentary feature on the garden at the Kings Mountain Life Enrichment Center.
Cleveland Home Health Agency Council on Aging	Sally Nanney noted that Cleveland Home Health is celebrating its 40 th birthday as a home health agency and is undergoing accreditation. Sharon Robbs noted that the Welcome Wagon Games Benefit will be on September 21, a personal safety seminar on September 22, and a personal document seminar on October 20, followed by a chili cook-off jointly sponsored by the Council on Aging and Carillon.
Cooperative Extension Service Cleveland County Partnership for Children	Nancy Jones reported briefly on the cooking contests scheduled for the Cleveland County Fair. Zeppora McClain reported that 4-week parenting classes are beginning through the Parents as Teachers program as part of family support services. Community play groups are now held at David Baptist Church, Christ Covenant Church and Ramblewood/Olson Courts with more coming. They have started a Family Services Information Line and are part of the Foothills Family Support Network for children with special needs.
Cleveland County Asthma Coalition Harvestworks	Susan Borders reported for the Cleveland County Asthma Coalition about the Air Quality Flag project, the Coaches Clipboard project and the Asthma Education classes. Representatives of Harvestworks spoke about the program designed to serve adults with developmental disabilities. They are launching a day support program with a health initiative attached and have a new executive director coming on board. They have 79 participants.
Spirit of Women	Paula Vess reported on the Men's Health Event/Car Show held on September 7 with John Carter as the featured speaker and approximately 100 people attending. She reported a good turnout for the Pregnancy Fair on September 9. The Pink Ribbon Tea to denote breast cancer awareness will be on October 7 at Kings Mountain Hospital from 10:30 until noon. November events include a Good Health Bingo game on November 11, geared toward caregivers, and scheduled for the Kings Mountain Life Enrichment Center.
Project Life Saver – CC Sheriff Department	Sheriff Raymond Hamrick spoke about Project Life Saver, designed to locate individuals with dementia who wander. Individuals wear a wrist band transmitter that can be tracked through a central transmitter in the Sheriff's Office. This will allow law enforcement and families to locate individuals more rapidly. The Sheriff's Department has made an initial investment of \$12,000 for the central transmitter and 14 individual wristbands and are seeking assistance in purchasing additional individual wristbands for \$275 each. They also need help in identifying families with loved ones who may be appropriate for this program.
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.
Gardner-Webb University	Noel T. Manning spoke about the Office of Community Engagement at Gardner-Webb. Last year they placed over 250 volunteers in various agencies/events in the community and they want more

opportunities for their students to volunteer this year. He noted that they have a tobacco free campus in the works and will mark October 16-20 as Alcohol Awareness Week on campus.

Hospice and
Palliative Care

Laurie Varley noted that they currently have 134 hospice and palliative care patients. They have volunteer training classes scheduled for September 16 and 23 and are available to provide in-service training for other agency staff.

CRMC

Dotty Leatherwood noted that the Cleveland HealthCare Foundation event is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, and will be a beach resort night.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Alliance for Health Partners will be on **November 8, 2006** at 8:30 a.m. in the T.R. Harris Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Short, Recorder

Richard Hooker, Jr., Secretary