

Alliance for Health in Cleveland County, Inc.

Board of Directors

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Public Health Annex – Conference Room #170

Present: Nelson Connor, Jimmy Hines, Dotty Leatherwood, Susan Borders, Tom Hassell, Stephanie Herndon, William Thompson, Denese Stallings, Richard Hooker, Cindy Borders

Absent: Ted Alexander, Cam Corder, Sheri DeShazo, Jose Espinal, Raymond Hamrick, Tripp Hord, Brenda Page, Libbie Shipley, John Wasson, John Young

Staff: Anne Short

Guest: Shara McGee, Health Disparities Initiative Coordinator

Call to Order: Chair Denese Stallings called the meeting to order and welcomed members. Shara McGee spoke about the Health Disparities Initiative and the plans for the coming year. She distributed brochures from the NC Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission on health disparities and business cards so that Alliance board members could contact her.

| <u>Topic</u> | <u>Discussion</u> | <u>Result of Discussion</u> |
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| Minutes | Minutes of the August Board of Directors meeting were distributed by email to all board members. | Action: Nelson Connor moved and Dotty Leatherwood seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried. |
| Financial Reports | The August financial reports were distributed by email to all board members. | Action: Jimmy Hines moved and Tom Hassell seconded a motion to approve the financial report for August. The motion carried. |
| Conflict of Interest Disclosure | Members were reminded to complete the Disclosure form and return it to the Alliance office. | Action: Information only |
| Strategic Planning Retreat | Chair Denese Stallings reminded members that the Alliance conducts an annual strategic planning retreat. Members felt that a Friday for this retreat was preferable to another day. Anne Short recommended that we remain in Shelby and suggested Deerbrook Golf Club where the Health Department recently had a planning meeting. Ms. Short will work with members to schedule this retreat for a Friday in November. | Action: Information only |
| Memorandum of Agreement with Health Disparities Initiative | Ms. Short presented a proposed Memorandum of Agreement with the Health Disparities Initiative to manage the funds for the Minority Health Conference, the Minority Health Council meetings and events at Kingstown. This MOA is similar to one with the Fit Together Initiative. | Action: William Thompson moved and Stephanie Herndon seconded a motion to approve this Memorandum of Agreement. The motion carried. |
| Student Drug Use Survey Results | Jimmy Hines presented the Executive Summary and Trends Report prepared by Hazelden from the 2006 Student View Drug Use Survey conducted in March 2006 in the 6 th , 9 th and 12 th grades in the county. He again thanked the Sheriff's Department and Pathways for funding this survey; as the third one completed, we now have trend data from 2000 through 2006 to use for program planning purposes. Mr. Hines cautioned members that some | Action: Information only |

information from the 6th grade may be a little skewed in comparison with previous surveys; the 2006 survey was done in March and the earlier surveys had been completed in November. This current survey reflects students who are five months more into the 6th grade and who perhaps have participated in more risky behavior than their peers. Significant points of this survey included:

- the % of students living with two parents continues to decline
- students who self-reported as non-using decreased 3.5%
- more students self-reported use over the 6 year period, but use with no problems
- students reporting use with problems declined
- students reporting a dependence risk declined
- females increased their use of alcohol and drugs
- students “good health habits” were reported as declining
- females reported increased rates of stress and anger
- students reported an increase in the use of prescription drugs (50 students caught for this last year)
- GOOD NEWS – tobacco use rates continue to decline.

Mr. Hines reported that the Safe and Drug Free Schools funding was reduced by \$20,000 this year, resulting in reduced prevention services in the schools. He noted that some prevention funding had been received from Pathways and that CODAP staff were recommending a program for 11th graders through the English classes focusing on acute alcohol poisoning and binge drinking. Ms. Stallings asked that these issues be brought to the Alliance Strategic Planning retreat for further discussion. Nelson Connor commented that the Pathways Substance Abuse Task Force has met three times and wants to include the community’s enabling the misuse of prescription drugs as an area of interest.

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| Director’s Reports | The report for September was included in materials provided for this meeting. | Action: Information only |
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| Agency Sharing | <p>Members were reminded of the Paul Sarazen Forum on Child Mental Health issues scheduled for noon today at T.R. Harris Conference Center at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. Richard Hooker reminded members of Minority Enterprise Development Week scheduled for October 15-21. The Commissioners will issue a proclamation about this week at their first meeting in October. He encouraged the Alliance to participate in the newspaper insert for MED Week. The week will close with the Minority Health Conference.</p> <p>Jimmy Hines noted that the Alliance Board had issued a letter encouraging the Cleveland County Schools to adopt the 100% Tobacco Free Campus policy and stated that the community colleges have been given authority by the General Assembly to pursue similar policies for their campuses. The Board of Health recently submitted such a letter to Dr. Steve Thornburg at Cleveland Community College and asked if the Alliance would like to do the same. Members agreed to gather information about the college’s current position and discuss a letter of support at the October meeting.</p> <p>Tom Hassell reminded members of the United Way campaign currently underway, noting that major support came from the healthcare system, government employees and education. He thanked those who had stepped up to make a United Way pledge.</p> |
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Dates to Remember: October 5-6 Healthy Carolinians State Conference

October 21 Minority Health Conference

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Short, Recorder

Richard Hooker, Jr., Secretary