

Community Health Forum Meeting
May 25, 2011
11:30 a.m.
Augusta Health
Augusta Community Care Bldg. – Rms. 2 & 3
Minutes

***Meeting Focus: Women’s Health – Data Driven Recommendations
and Update on Local Services***

Welcome/Introduction of First-time Participants

Carol Blair asked that any new attendees today introduce themselves. The following new persons were introduced.

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Agency Represented:</i>
1) Sascha Wallace	Augusta Health Crossroads, Community Education Manager
2) Gerald McKeegan	American Health & Wellness Institute
3) Katherine Gaudin	Augusta Regional Free Clinic
4) Kristen Printy	Augusta Health - Marketing for Care Home Medical, Home Health, and Hospice
5) Cpl. Derek Almarode	Co-Chair, Greater Augusta Coalition Against Elder Abuse
6) Lori Reid, RN	Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Central Shenandoah Health District
7) Jeff Schwenk	LEARN
8) Jill Templeton	Project GROWS Coordinator; Valley Community Services Bd.
9) Donna Evelsizer	Augusta Regional Free Clinic
10) Alexandra Klein	Office on Youth – Waynesboro
11) Shasta Doods	PR/Communications Coordinator, United Way of Greater Augusta
12) Michelle Pyle	Shenandoah Nursing Home
13) Sue Buerkel	Daily Living Center
14) Rebecca Rudolph	Augusta Regional Free Clinic (Mary Baldwin College Intern)

Program

1) *Data-driven Recommendations in Women's Health presented by Doug Larsen, MD, Central Shenandoah Health District*

Dr. Larsen presented recommendations and information regarding HPV, pelvic exams, and cervical cancer.

2) *Every Woman's Life - Breast Care Program presented by Sheri Bang, Program Coordinator*

Sheri Bang presented information on the eligibility requirements for women to be part of this program which encompasses five counties. Annual screenings are provided to uninsured women ages 50-64. Also, screenings can be provided through the Susan Komen WORTH program for women ages 40-49. The number of women dying from breast cancer is decreasing. Hopefully, early screening and detection have improved statistics.

3) *Women's Imaging – Bone Density and Mammography presented by Rader Dod, Director, Augusta Health Radiology and Dianne Rapp, Supervisor, Mammography*

Rader Dod stated that 21,070 mammograms were conducted in 2010 at Augusta Health and the Staunton Outpatient Center. All mammograms are digital imaging now at both locations. All images can be sent very quickly to other locations now when needed.

Dianne Rapp presented information on the importance of signs and symptoms of breast cancer. She also answered questions on guidelines for screening. She noted that breast ultrasound is being used with younger patients for early detection. Dianne Rapp also reviewed information about the DEXA scan used to measure bone density and detect osteoporosis.

Reports

Marketing – Charlie Downs asked that all present today fill out a survey of Forum participants and to submit future topics that agencies would like to present at meetings.

News from the Coalition for Elder Abuse – Derek Almarode presented information on this newly formed coalition. The coalition has been meeting monthly beginning in January, 2011. They will conduct training on June 6, 2011 at Plecker Center with a national speaker presenting. We have a high number of reported elder abuse cases in our area which are primarily financial abuse cases. The Coalition for Elder Abuse will provide public education free of charge to any interested group.

News from the Members

Carol Blair announced that the Stuarts Draft High School, SADD Club, may receive funding via the Act Out Loud Organization. She asked that Forum members go to the website: www.actoutloud.org and vote for Stuarts Draft High School.

Carol also announced that Office on Youth is sponsoring SPOKES (bike repair program for youth) for any youth interested in participating. The Office on Youth will also be offering summer employment opportunities and summer programs.

Jennifer Strother announced that CASA de Amistad will have an event at BUMC on June 11th. The organization is also conducting a fundraising event on June 4th.

Carol Blair is also conducting a community garden event on June 11th in the Commerce Ave. neighborhood for residents there. Please contact Carol if interested in participation.

Howard Miller announced that shelters for the homeless will be started this winter in area churches. Church hosting is needed for one week at a time.

Skyline Literacy is sponsoring classes, please see website for more details.

Teams are needed for the Alzheimer's Walk at the Frontier Museum on October 24th.

The Daily Living Center has a new addition for Alzheimer's persons and will be conducting an open house event.

Augusta Health Hospice of the Shenandoah is sponsoring "Camp Dragonfly" and volunteers are needed.

Jeanne Russell announced that the "Wildlife Center of Virginia" may receive a donation via Chase Community Giving. Persons can vote on Facebook for the "Wildlife Center of Virginia" to receive this donation.

Marta Szuba announced that Big Brothers Big Sisters "Bowl for Kid's Sake" is being held on June 25th from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. Brochures available on the information table at today's meeting.

Augusta Health Community Wellness will be conducting GIFT (Smoking Cessation) Class beginning September 6th. Community Wellness will also be offering Heart Failure Classes. For more information on these classes contact Dana Breeding or JoAnne Hammer.

Kristen Printy with Augusta Health, Marketing for Hospice, announced that Augusta Health is participating in a program for veterans in hospice. The website address is www.wehonorveterans.org

Cynthia Pritchard announced that training for agencies regarding mission/vision statement is being offered by United Way. Please see website for details. Also, please contact Shasta Doods with United Way regarding non-profit partnerships.

July Meeting Preview

The July 27th meeting will be a “Town Hall” format with questions and answers with local legislators asked to be present. There will be a 2 minute time limit for questions. More details will be posted on the Forum website later regarding the July meeting.

Adjournment -

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

(2011 Forum Meeting Dates: July 27, September 28, November 16)

(Minutes recorded by Rhonda Clifton, Administrative Assistant.)