

Community Health Forum Meeting
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
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Augusta Health
Augusta Community Care Bldg. – Rm. 3
Minutes

Meeting Focus: Augusta Health – Your Partner in Community Health

Welcome/Introduction of First-time Participants

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

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Agency Represented:</i>
Cheryl Tsakis	Learn English & Reading Now (LEARN)
Jerry Kestner	WARM Homeless Shelter
Hannah Showalter	Graduate Nursing Student
Donald Gibson	Basic United Methodist Church
Gordon Mowen	Augusta County Schools
Jon Venn	Staunton City Schools
Judy Bowes	The Lodge at Old Trail (a senior living community)
Kristina Pare	The Lodge at Old Trail
Debbie Bullis	Hand-in-Hand Resource Mothers
Reagan Eshleman	RMH Childcare Connection

Program

Services of Augusta Health – Supporting a Healthy Community (presented by Kathleen Heatwole, V. P. of Planning and Development)

Mrs. Heatwole presented information about Augusta Health's connection to the community and new services offered to our community members.

Her presentation included the following:

- a) a review of the Augusta Health mission/vision
- b) budget facts about charity care and bad debt
- c) goal/requirements of remaining an independent community hospital
- d) psychiatric services

- e) new Heart and Vascular Center
- f) criteria used to determine awards and national certifications
- g) Moody's financial bond rating
- h) why we need a healthy bottom line
- i) amount of 2 million dollars given to community agencies
- j) Foster G. McGaw Prize
- k) Cancer Center – Duke Program Affiliation
- l) Urgent Care Center in Weyers Cave and new Urgent Care Center opening in Staunton in Feb. 2012
- m) Convenient Care Clinics located in Staunton and Waynesboro Walmarts.

Committees Reports

Dental - Margaret Hersh, no report

Flu Crew – Kim Whetzel – flu vaccine information

Marketing – Tyrell McElroy – Community Health Forum to offer social media training soon

Mental Health Coalition – coalition subgroups continue to meet and have initiated several community projects

Prenatal Care – task force continues to meet and is addressing community needs

RPPS – continues to meet and promote prevention services for community youth

WOW and Project Grows – Through the WOW program, BMI for obese children reduced from 22% to 19.8%. They are expanding work with children and are asking for more healthy choices in meals for children. The adult part of WOW has had good participation in the Chronic Disease Self Management and Live Well with Diabetes classes. Project Grows will create a community garden and emphasize healthy eating and lifestyles for community youth.

(reports given by Pat Caulkins, Dana Breeding and project partners)

News from Members

Basic United Methodist Church is opening a new shelter for homeless persons and will have a silent auction.

Santa for Senior Program is being conducted again this year for people who would like to buy gifts for seniors.

Crossroads to Brain Injury is sponsoring an event on Dec. 2nd.

LEARN (Learn English and Reading Now) is working to tutor adults in English language skills.

Beyond the Great American Smokeout program tomorrow at Augusta Health

Boys and Girls Club open house is on December 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will include a raffle and for \$5.00 children can have their picture taken with Santa.

Saturday, November 19th is National Survivors of Suicide Day at Augusta Health from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. See Cynthia Long for more information.

Carol Blair with Office on Youth announced that a teen event will be held on December 16th in the evening. See Office on Youth website for more information.

Margaret's Money Minute – information of CAP-SAW funding

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Flu vaccines were offered after today's meeting by Community Wellness of Augusta Health.

Next Meeting: *January 25, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.*

(Minutes recorded by Rhonda Clifton, Administrative Assistant)