

Community Health Forum Meeting
Wednesday, January 26, 2011
11:30 a.m.
Augusta Health
Augusta Community Care Bldg. – Rms 2 & 3
Minutes

Valley Community Services Board
Behavioral Health Services

Welcome/Introduction of First-time attendees

Carol Blair, Forum Chair, welcomed new attendees and asked them to introduce themselves. The following persons were introduced.

Name:	Agency:
Kathy Kristiansen	Valley Community Services Board, Director of Client Services
Lisa Schwenk	Augusta Health, Director of Communications & Public Relations
Neysa Simmers	Valley Community Services Board, Interim Executive Director

Program

Services Provided by Valley Community Services Board

Kathy Kristiansen presented information on the mission and values of VCSB and showed slides of the Sangers Lane and other locations. Also featured was information on Housing and Vocational Services, Recovery Support Services, PACT, PATH, Clinical Services, Infant, Toddler, and Children's Services, Prevention Services, Family Services, Adult Outpatient Services, Deaf Services, ES/Judicial Services, Crisis Stabilization/Access Services (including Blue Ridge Crisis Intervention Team)

Member Feature

Jennifer Strother of Casa de Amistad featured services for Hispanics offered from the location of Basic United Methodist Church.

Reports

Dental – Margaret Hersh gave a building update about the addition to the Dental Clinic.

Flu Crew – Linda Gail Johnson shared information about the flu vaccine and its protection against respiratory flu versus non-protection for gastrointestinal viruses.

RPPS – Karen Hicks shared information about Project GROWS grant for creating a community garden through youth involvement and focusing on obesity reduction.

Mental Health – No report was given at today's meeting.

News from the Members

Sylvia Woodworth with LEARN would like volunteers to train for reading tutoring in the community.

Donna Gum with Mental Health America – Augusta announced their Pizza Night fundraiser on March 31st, and Golf Tournament fundraiser on May 20th.

Janice Gentry with Waynesboro Senior Center announced that a tax preparation service is being offered there for persons who qualify.

Cynthia Pritchard with United Way announced that their grant application deadline is February 4, 2011.

Marta Szuba with Big Brothers Big Sisters needs mentors for children of incarcerated persons.

Jeanne Russell (with Augusta Health Foundation and Home Instead Senior Care) announced that Rockbridge Area Hospice is seeking a person for a marketing position.

Karen Cochran with Valley Area Community Support, Inc. announced that she needs furnishings for a transitional residence that has been donated in Staunton.

Carol Blair announced that Earned Income Tax Credit sessions will be held at Booker T. Washington Center on Thursdays.

Linda Gail Johnson announced that the Augusta Health Foundation single year grant application will be online in February and deadline for submission is April 15th, 2010.

Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

2011 Forum Meeting Dates:

March 30, May 25, July 27, September 28, November 16

Next Mental Health Coalition Meeting Date:

February 3, 2011 – 11:30 am

(Minutes recorded by Rhonda Clifton, Administrative Assistant.)

