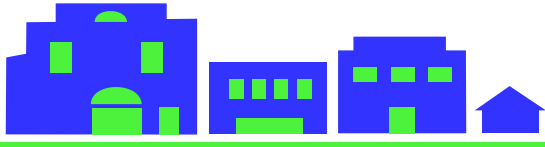


Marlboro County Inter-Agency Council, Inc.

Place Matters Initiative



History

- Began meeting in 1989 and chartered in 1991
- Members - any agency, organization, churches, or individual who is interested in the mission may attend and/or request membership
- Governance - an executive board elected by the membership; each agency, or group, has one vote
- Meetings are every 4th Wednesday at the DSS conference room at 10 am

Inter-Agency Council Mission

The Council shall function to promote:

- A better understanding of human needs within Marlboro County;
- Effective use and coordination of existing community resources;
- A forum for mutual concerns, enlightenment, and benefits of members;
- And expand existing services and to develop sufficient resources to meet county wide needs;
- A mechanism for input into human service, planning, development and implementation.
- The Council shall also function to prevent a duplication of services where plausible, providing quality services with the minimum expense of time and money to the County.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

- Council business
- Reports from committees and projects
- Resource presenters/Resource sharing
- Sharing of announcements, and events
- Networking



SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVES

- Champion Community Designation
- Man-to-Man – Fatherhood Program
- Community Development Corporation
- More Smiling Faces – Dental program
- Initiated Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program
- Supported Community in Schools Program

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS

Education – Dropout Rate

Youth are at high risk for school dropouts, gang involvement, there is no recreation, lack of positive reinforcement.

Action – Keep youth involved in positive activities through graduation.



County Dropout Rates



	Total drop out rate	Males	Females
Marlboro County	42.3%	50%	41.3%
South Carolina	31%	31.8	24.5%

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS

Health – Lack of Medical Access

(Elimination of Chronic Disease)

Action - Crisis prevention, ER – rerouting out of the emergency room as primary care, access to care, eliminating barriers (transportation, bring physicians to our county, etc...)



Marlboro County Health Data

- The average bill for a self-pay client discharged from the local hospital with a diagnosis of diabetes w/o complications was \$13,948 in 2005.
- The annual cost of employee no-shows ranged from an estimated \$60,000 for small employers to more than \$1 million annually for large companies. Losses were for lost productivity, fill in staff, dissatisfied customers , staff morale.



ESTABLISHED INFRASTRUCTURE

- Using our already active health sub-committee
- Formed a youth initiative sub-committee
- Invited groups who were already working on similar issues to join us.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Met individually with Marlboro County State Representatives to develop support for project
- Hosted the regular local Marlboro Leaders Council luncheon and presented the initiative to about 90 community leaders.
- Made community aware of project through local news media
- Distributed a short survey on local resources and needs.
- Beginning to collate the survey results

SUCCESSSES

- More People to the Table
- Commitment from Newspaper to Publish our survey on their Web and Publish Articles
- Rural Health Network wrote a \$25,000 grant to increase ER case management
- Hospital added Psychiatric consult to help move MH patients from the ER

NEXT STEPS

- Complete the survey results and present back to the Inter-Agency Council - publish results for feed back
- Pinpoint specific issues the sub-committees or parts of those groups want to target.
- Action plans for each target activity
- Continue to Develop Support – Resources, Finances, Partners.



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Inter-Agency Council takes on health initiative

By DAN MCNIEL

Funded by private and federal grants, the Marlboro County Inter-Agency Council (MCIAC) is tackling some of the largest local health concerns as part of a program called "Five Minutes."

The initiative was explained Monday by the Inter-Agency Council's board at the Marlboro Leadership Council in a meeting at The Sky.

"We are one of just 20 counties chosen to participate throughout the United States and the only one that is a rural community," said Karen Manoy-Bailey, the chairperson of the Marlboro County

Inter-Agency Council. Other participants in the program include metropolitan communities such as San Diego, New Orleans, Washington, D.C. and Chicago.

The program is sponsored and administered by the Joint Center Health Policy Institute, a federally funded agency with affiliates by the Ford Foundation and the Kellogg Foundation. The Five Minutes initiative has seven key areas of concentration that include:

- Identifying and addressing barriers to improved health in the community
- Increasing resources for prevention and treatment of chronic illness

- Improving infant health and mortality
- Supporting healthy lifestyles among children
- Improving mental health
- Increasing access to healthcare
- Improving quality of life among senior citizens.

Janice Rieder, the vice-chair of the Inter-Agency Council, said that the board of the MCIAC has attended several workshops to help them decide upon which areas to concentrate their efforts.

The two target issues that have been established for the Marlboro County program are health care, primarily dealing

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What is the Inter-Agency Council?
The Marlboro County Inter-Agency Council is made up of governmental and non-profit organizations throughout the county, individuals and churches that are interested in the group's mission can also request membership.

The group's goals include promoting better understanding of human needs in the county, coordination of existing resources, to request services to the people of Marlboro County and the prevention of duplication of services where possible.

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Health

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with chronic disease, and improving health overall. Marlboro's health.

Good health is not just about going to the doctor. We have to work on changing healthy habits in schools, workplaces and homes, and the prevention of illness," said Rieder.

A focus in the health care area will be eliminating people's use of the emergency room as a hospital in their primary health care provider. This will require retaining barriers on using physician offices such as lack of ability to pay, lack of insurance and transportation or appointment.

The goals component of the initiative was determined by the high drop-out rate in local schools and in state offices including gang involvement, drug use and not being employable.

Some areas that the board hopes to address include the lack of health insurance options for youth and ways to give patients involvement in their care.

The Inter-Agency Board, which also includes Michael McManis, Larry White and Victoria Bertram, is still in the initiative stages of the "Five Minutes" program.

They will be looking to work with programs already in progress.

Subcommittees for health and youth are being formed from the membership of the Inter-Agency Council. Also, the board is collecting data from surveys and will be working on program-specific projects.

Inter-Representative Doug Jennings' presided over Monday's meeting and thanked the Marlboro County Inter-Agency Council for the invitation. Jennings also thanked Pastor International who co-sponsored the luncheon along with the MCIAC.

PARTNERS

- 35 member groups of the Inter-Agency Council
- Marlboro Leaders Council
- Marlboro/Chesterfield Rural Health Network
- Marlboro Cares
- Community Nutrition Network
- Palmetto Project – Heart and Soul
- USC Youth Empowerment Mentoring project
- CDC of Marlboro County / Magic Johnson Foundation Grant
- New library

CHALLENGES

- Pinpoint Specific projects That will have an impact on our determinants and getting Consensus
- Funding for projects
- Grant Writing Capacity
- Changing the Mind set of the Community-Willingness to change life styles
- Connecting People with Resources – transportation, getting the information out.

WHAT WE NEED IN ORDER TO SUCCEED

- Keeping people engaged over the long haul.
- Resources – Best Practices
- Recruitment of trained staff
- Sustainability
- Technology – Collect and manage outcome data