

Focus Macomb: A Partnership for Economic Development
Health Committee Meeting
September 11, 2007 – St. John Health Corporate Services
Summary

Members Present:

Mark Brady (St. John Health)
Michail Curro (Interfaith Center for Racial Justice)
Phillis DeSaele (Macomb County Board of Commissioners)
Bryant Goodreau (First Independent Financial Group)
Susan Murphy (United Way for Southeastern Michigan)
Roy Rose (Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick)
Joie West (Wayne State University – School of Medicine))

Members Missed:

Alisha Baker (Dupont Auto Systems)
Andrea Cook (Plante & Moran)
Michail Curro (Interfaith Center for Racial Justice)
Margaret Dimond (Henry Ford Bi-County Hospital)
James Gillespie (Goodman Factors, Ltd.)
Michael Kaszubski (Extensive Horizons, Inc.)
Bill Posios (University of Michigan – Department of Psychiatry)
Thomas Reed (Catholic Services of Macomb)
Thomas Scott (International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 324)
Patricia Walford (Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center)

Staff: Camille Silda, Maria Zardis, Cheryl Bushbaker

Opening: Co-Chair Joie West opened the meeting at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Guiding Statement:

Focus Macomb Health wants to improve the economic development of Macomb County and the well-being of all Macomb County businesses, which in turn should improve the health and well-being of its' citizens.

Ms. Murphy stated at the last meeting the members summarized a statement of the direction in which this committee is heading and the method of achieving this objective.

"Create access to Health Plans for current and future small businesses in Macomb County to help attract, retain and expand new businesses".

It was noted that health care costs are lower in Michigan than surrounding States.

SWOT Analysis will focus priority attention on #1, #5 and #8.

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"Parking Lot" Issues that will be discussed at a later date:

- How will the health care ideas of Presidential Candidates such as John Edwards and others offer things locally?
- What can Macomb County do to leverage cheaper plans that Oakland or Wayne cannot?
- How does Macomb County confer regional collaboration to leverage others?

Next Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will take place on October 9, 2007. Meeting place will be announced.

