

MCIC Meeting Sept. 23

Sponsored by the Jackson Heart Study

11:00—2:00

Osborne Auditorium

Please RSVP for lunch preparation by close of business Sept. 21 to:

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Note if a vegetarian meal is needed.

Sept. 23 Agenda

Welcome/ Introductions

Mary Helen Conner, Chairman

Jackson Heart Study Update

Dr. Francis Henderson

Deputy Director, Jackson Heart Study

KYN for Children Review

Committee break-out sessions

Discussion of plans for 2009-2010

Committee reports from Committee Chairmen

Old Business 501c (3) application

Sandra Shelson and Missy Goodman

New Business

Agenda items for

Nov. 18 meeting

2009/2010 meeting dates

Osborne Auditorium

Capitol Day 2010

January 21, 2010

(Health Awareness Day)

November 18, 2009

February 17, 2010

June Meeting



VIPR Enlistment--Kim Magee, Kelly McGinnis and Dorothy Gaston of the Emergency Preparedness project shared information on efforts to enlist and train volunteers for disaster preparedness. They discussed changes in the concept of preparedness that has developed since 1999, noting that public health emergency preparedness goes beyond traditional public health efforts in disease control. Visit www.HealthyMS.com. (See page 4)



June Program

Margrett Davis, Missy Goodman, Sarah Miller, and Mary Helen Conner, shown from left, discuss topics presented at the June program. Sarah Miller told about the drug safety project for Medicare patients underway at Information & Quality Healthcare (IQH), the state's Medicare quality improvement organization. Mary Helen Conner gave an update on IQH's Health Information Security & Privacy Collaboration (HISPC) efforts. (See page 4)

“Know Your Numbers” Addresses All Ages with New Presentation



Ann Sansing, standing left, and Mary Helen Conner, standing right, lead members in another discussion working toward completion of the “Know Your Numbers” presentation for the younger set. The program has great potential for use in schools and organizations throughout the state.



Missy Goodman, who with treasurer Sandra Shelson, has worked on the MCIC documentation that will lead the organization to its 501(c)3 status, is shown delivering some of the paperwork to Mary Helen Conner, chair.

MCIC: Seeking 501(c)(3) Status

MCIC may soon see a major change as a committee works toward the longtime goal of the organization, a 501(c)(3) status. Sandra Shelson and Missy Goodman are co-chairs of this effort and will share details with membership at the Sept. 23 general meeting.

The Mississippi Rural Health Association (MRHA) has aided MCIC through serving as the fiscal agent for the organization. “We realize the need to continue MCIC growth, and being accorded the 501(c)(3) status will greatly enhance our opportunities for expansion,” said Mary Helen Conner, chairman.

ADA Youth Retreat Is Sept. 12 in Canton

The American Diabetes Association Youth Retreat has been sponsored again this year, with other supporters of the ADA event including Walmart Foundation, St. Dominic Hospital, Sanofi Aventist, and Healthy Mississippi.

The Sept. 12 retreat was set for activities such as an obstacle course, arts and crafts, sack races, water games and a family dance-off, with ages 6 through 17 participating during the day-long event.

The camp efforts by ADA serve more than 10,000 children with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes each year. The mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of those affected by the disease. The cost is a \$20 registration fee.

For more information, contact Macy Russell, ADA associate manager, at 1-800-676-4065 ext. 1326 or 601-366-1763; e-mail mrussell@diabetes.org.



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MCIC's Awards-Recognition Review



Honored Contributors to Health
Dr. Clay Hays, Dr. Al Rausa, Rep. Alyce Clarke



From left, Mary Helen Conner, chair; Erin Pickens, mistress of ceremonies from Channel 12; Rep. Alyce Clarke; Margrett Davis, vice-chair.

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Congratulating Rep. Clarke

Members of both the House of Representatives and Senate were on hand to support health care quality and congratulate Rep. Clarke, including, from left, Rep. Becky Currie, Rep. Dannie Reed, Sen. Robert L. Jackson, Rep. Sherra Lane, Rep. Clarke, Sen. David Jordan, Rep. Harvey Fillingane, Sen. Johnnie Walls and Sen. Kenny Jones.



Erin Pickens; Monica Stinson, MSDH Asthma Program accepting for Dr. Al Rausa; Margrett Davis; and Mary Helen Conner.



Sen. Kenneth W. Jones of Canton is shown with Erin Pickens, mistress of ceremonies, and Dr. Victor Sutton, Mississippi Department of Health.



Calendar of Events

Make a Note

- September: Take a Loved One to the Doctor; Adult Immunizations Week
 October: Talk About Prescriptions Month
 Sept. 12 Youth Retreat, Camp Duncan Gray, Canton, American Diabetes Association
 Sept. 17 IQH Hospital Validation Workshop, St. Dominic Jackson-Memorial Hospital
 Oct. 2 Improving Quality Outcomes: Hard Rock Hotel, Biloxi, Singing River Health System, Dept. of CME & IQH
 November: American Diabetes Month
 Alzheimer's Memory Walks Oct. 3 in Meridian; Oct. 10 in Amory, Biloxi, and the Jackson-Pearl area (Trustmark Park); Oct. 17, Tupelo and Greenwood; Oct. 31, Oxford; Nov. 7, Columbus and Hattiesburg
 Oct. 20-23 Mississippi Nurses Association 98th Annual Convention, Coast Coliseum, Biloxi
 Nov. 5-7 Mississippi Rural Health Association Conference, Sam's Town, Robinsonville
 Nov. 13 AHA/UMC Heart Failure Conference, UMC Student Union Building

Prescription Safety for Elderly Is Discussed by IQH Project Leader Sarah Miller

Improving prescription safety for seniors is the focus of a quality improvement program that Information & Quality Healthcare (IQH), the Medicare quality improvement organization for Mississippi, is continuing to emphasize throughout the state. Sarah Miller, RN, MSN, project leader, shared details of the project at the June MCIC meeting.

Statistics show that older adults, age 65 or over, are two and one-half times more likely to visit an emergency room because of an adverse drug event than younger individuals. Older adults are seven times more likely to be hospitalized for an adverse drug event. It is estimated that adverse drug reactions (ADRs) cause over 100,000 deaths per year in the United States.

Potentially inappropriate medications information is included in a table that lists the drug classes, including: analgesics, skeletal muscle relaxants, antihistamines/antiemetics, benzodiazepines (long-acting), their generic and brand names, justification and alternatives to the drugs. The information is available at the IQH Web site, www.iqh.org, where a table on drug-to-drug interactions is also shown. Sarah Miller, RN, MSN, project leader, can be contacted for information at smiller@msqio.sdps.org; 601-957-1575 or 1-800-844-0500 ext. 250.

MSDH Emergency Preparedness Program Shares VIPR Efforts

Sharing information about efforts in disaster preparedness organization and seeking to expand the Volunteers in Preparedness Registry (VIPR) program brought three members of the Office of Emergency Planning and Response (OEPR), Mississippi State Department of Health, to MCIC in June to share details of the program. Some 12,000 persons are needed in order to be ready should any disasters occur in the state.

The VIPR database houses contact and credential information on health care professionals who have registered in advance to aid in the event of a disaster.

The MSDH Office of Emergency Planning and Response sponsored the June 17 meeting and explained how the office provides technical assistance to local jurisdictions when planning, training and responding to emergencies that have the potential to affect public health. Presenting the public health emergency preparedness overview and the at-risk program awareness were the OEPR team of Dorothy Gaston, Emergency Preparedness training director for the at-risk project; Kim Abrams Magee, Emergency Preparedness grant coordinator; and Kelly McGinnis, District V planner, OEPR.

The focus on Volunteers in Disaster and Psychological First Aid Training sessions held in early summer included the role of volunteers in emergency response; self care for volunteers; volunteers' assistance in points of distribution; incident command structure; settings for psychological first aid; core actions for psychological first aid; intervention strategies for psychological first aid.

An all-hazards approach for public health emergencies covers the possibilities of bioterrorism, disease outbreaks, hazardous material events, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and power outages.

At-risk populations include children, seniors, pregnant women, individuals in institutionalized settings, diverse cultures, and persons with limited English-speaking proficiency, transportation limitations, chronic medical disorders, and pharmacological dependencies. At risk also includes anyone who has been through any kind of catastrophic public health event where his or her well being was threatened or affected.

The three-year at-risk project is year-one, program development, followed by year two's training and education/plan implementation. Year three follows with development of coalitions in the public health districts.

For further information about the program, call 601-576-7680 or 1-866-458-4948.