

The MCIC CHRONICLES

Mississippi Chronic Illness Coalition Meeting Is March 9

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Osborne Auditorium

11:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Sponsor: Magnolia Health Plan

Welcome/Introductions

Oral Health Update in Mississippi/

MOHCA.....Carla Bassett, RDH,
Oral Health Consultant, MSDH

March Health Awareness Topics

National Patient Safety Week (March 6-12)

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.....

Beth Dickson, American Cancer Society

National Kidney Month. . . Brenda Dyson, ESRD,
Network 8

Committees

Nomination of committee chairs and co-chairs
(Professional Education, Membership/PR,
Community- based Prevention, Advocacy, and
Evaluation)

Discussion of 2011 plans

Old Business.....

Update on the “Know Your Numbers” for Children
Capitol Day 2011 summary report

New Business.....

Future directions for MCIC

Grant Writing Committee

Agenda items for the next meeting

Announcements

Meeting Evaluation

Next meeting date to be announced

Adjournment

About the meeting’s sponsor: Magnolia Health Plan (Magnolia) is a long-term solution to help Mississippi enhance care for Medicaid recipients while most effectively managing Medicaid funds. A physician-driven, Mississippi-based Medicaid CCO, Magnolia is backed by its parent company, Centene Corporation (www.centene.com). Centene has 25 years of experience in Medicaid and other government-funded programs such as SSI and long-term care. Through partnerships with hospitals, physicians and other healthcare providers, solutions are sought for better health outcomes at lower costs.



November as the Alzheimer-focus month was an appropriate time for MCIC members to hear the latest details in the fight against the brain-destroying disease. Sara Murphy, right, chapter program director, shared the latest updates and the ways that the Alzheimer’s Association Mississippi Chapter is working with Alzheimer patients and their families. The chapter sponsored the meeting. Shenetta Drone, project coordinator, center, shared details of Information & Quality Healthcare’s Mississippi Health First efforts in the Diabetes Disparity self-management education efforts. Freda Hartness, left, joined MCIC this past year as a consumer activist for quality health care for all Mississippians.

For information on Alzheimer’s programs, call 601-987-0020; the 24/7 helpline number is 800-272-3900. Information is available on the Mississippi Health First diabetes self-management education classes by calling 866-505-2383.



Notes from the Chair

By Mary Helen Conner

As we march into the spring of 2011, I cannot believe how quickly this year has gone by. Last year we were on the brink of becoming a 501c3. This year we have accomplished this goal, and we are moving forward. There continues to be excitement in the air with all of the progress and revitalization of our organization. As I said last year, "I challenge all members past, present, and future to come together and offer their talents to assist our organization in becoming what it can be for Mississippi." Our March meeting will focus on health issues that are being observed during the month. National Kidney Month, Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and National Patient Safety Week observations highlight the month. I am asking all members to attend the March 9, 2011, meeting at the Osborne Auditorium from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Mary Helen



Missy Goodman, Mary Helen Conner, MCIC chair, and Brenda Dyson make plans for the March meeting where Brenda of the ESRD Network 8 will share information about National Kidney Month. Missy is with Delta Health Alliance, sponsor of the healthy snacks for Capitol Day. Mary Helen is with IQH, the state's Medicare quality improvement organization.



MCIC's Capitol Day held in conjunction with Health Awareness Day Jan. 20 featured opportunities to talk about health concerns with a number of legislators. Here Rep. John Mayo of Clarksdale visits with Mary Helen Conner, Aundria Range, and Millicent Shelby. The Mississippi State Medical Association Alliance coordinated events at the Capitol.



Kimalesha Brown, MCIC secretary, left, and Mary Helen Conner discuss Health Awareness Day plans with Xavier Johnson, cardiovascular coordinator for the Office of Preventive Health.

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