



## Rural Care Access Initiative

**SUMMARY:** At the October 9<sup>th</sup> ARAC-Region 3 Health Committee it was decided that this committee would focus our efforts on enhancing and expanding the current Health Screenings Model created by the Alabama Power Foundation and Child Caring Foundation.

Each Sub Committee of the Region 3 Health Committee is charged with developing a component of the project.

### OVERALL PROJECT GOALS:

- Early intervention
- Wellness education
- Reduce school/work absenteeism
- Relieve burden on rural emergency rooms
- Connect those in need with *existing* resources
- Encourage students to consider careers in health
- Provide a semblance of a “Medical Home” to those who otherwise have none

### PROJECT STRUCTURE:

See attached spread sheet. These are action items that were identified and which committees would be responsible for developing and executing. This is a living document that will evolve as the plan progresses.

### COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:

1. Education and Wellness Committee (Chairmen –Laura Caudell and Terry Ackley)
  - Short-term Goal
    - Develop wellness component with agencies/providers
      - Diabetes
      - Dental
      - Anti-smoking
      - Helmet Safety
      - Sickle Cell
    - Develop teacher information packet
      - Neurological Deficit Screening Tool

- Long-term Goal
    - Healthier adults
2. Access to Care Committee (Chairmen-Nancy Corser and Tom Ellison)
    - Short-term Goal
      - Identify practitioners (MDs, RNs, LPNs, RNCs, etc) to volunteer time to work the mobile units
      - Work closely with area colleges to supply student clinicians
      - Identify provider of medical supplies for finger sticks
    - Long-term Goal
      - Develop a plan to educate students on the medical career industry (i.e. symposium, leadership group, mentoring, internship, teen medical board, etc.)
  3. Uninsured Committee (Chairman-Joel Tate)
    - Short-term Goal
      - Identify and invite all organizations that are a resource (All Kids, Medicaid, insurance companies, Alabama Lions Sight, etc.)
      - Promote Alabama insurance website
    - Long-term Goal
      - Better coverage for all Alabamians.
  4. Public Awareness Committee (Chairman-)
    - Short-term Goal
      - Promote health fairs/encourage participation
      - Promote Alabama insurance website
      - Develop and promote resource directory
    - Long-term Goal
      - Work to develop online resource director available at public location
  5. Emergency Transportation Committee (Chairman-Ralph Mitchell)
    - May possibly need to merge with newly formed ARAC Region 3 Transportation Committee
  6. Non-Emergency Transportation Committee (Chairman-Andrea Goode)

- Short-term Goal
  - Identify all transportation sources in area
  - Invite and encourage their participation
  
- Long-term Goal
  - Connect community to transportation resources

7. Legislative Committee (Chairman-John Blue)

- Short-term Goal
  - All other committees will supply this committee with barriers that were identified through this process
  - Help remove barriers that interfere with the process working with Chad on the “how tos”