



Healthy
Carolinians
of Orange
County

HCOC Partnership Agreement Form

Please complete this form if you, as an individual, would like to participate in Healthy Carolinians of Orange County (HCOC). There are NO FEES or dues required for membership in HCOC.

The mission of Healthy Carolinians of Orange County is to improve the health of all residents of Orange County. An overall goal of Healthy Carolinians of Orange County and the committees is to reduce health disparities.

You can start improving the health of Orange County residents by helping the Partnership:

- Assess the health of the community
- Promote collaborative efforts
- Link data to resources and programs
- Engage in strategic health planning and agenda setting
- Facilitate program development and evaluation

CONTACT INFORMATION (Please print clearly)	
Full Name	
Affiliation/Organization	
E-mail	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Other Affiliations	

Primary Areas of Interest/Concern (Check all that apply)

Priority Issue Areas

- Access to Care, Insurance, and Information
- Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention: Physical Activity and Nutrition
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse: Suicide, Prescription Drug Abuse/Misuse, Poor MH/Stress
- Other _____

Healthy Carolinians Committee Descriptions

The Healthy Carolinians Council is the governing body. Major roles are to: 1) help make the big decisions about what health areas the partnership will focus on; 2) advocate for health issues at the local and state level; and 3) oversee the operations of Healthy Carolinians of Orange County. Council members are nominated for three-year terms. New Council members are elected each fall. The Council meets quarterly.

The subcommittees carry out activities to address the priority health issues. They usually meet monthly.

All committees are constantly working on and further developing their action plans. Join and help decide the future direction of these committees.

Current Committees and Past Accomplishments

Health Promotion: Focus on promotion of healthy lifestyles to prevent and reduce the burden of chronic disease. The committee encourages more physical activity and improved nutrition for Orange County residents. Past accomplishments include publishing the Orange County recreation map; helping to initiate the Eat Smart Move More Churches project and the Orange County Worksite Wellness program; creating and promoting the Eat Smart Move More Consistent Messaging campaign and the Healthy Classroom Challenge presented at Healthy Kids Day. Committee received an Eat Smart Move More community grant in June 2010 to establish the (ongoing) Orange County Preparing Lifelong Active Youth (PLAY) to Move More program in which UNC collegiate athletes promote new ways for children enrolled in after-school programs to be more active and healthier.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse: Focus on raising awareness of mental health and substance abuse, decreasing stigma related to these issues and improving services for residents who suffer from mental health illness, injury, and substance abuse. Past accomplishments include launching the Pro Bono Counseling Network which recruits mental health professionals to provide counseling services on a *pro bono* basis to individuals who fall into the gap between those covered by public assistance programs and the privately insured. In addition, the committee published and distributed a Directory of Mental Health Services which was then converted to a searchable online database; and most recently, was instrumental in the implementation of drug drop boxes at local law enforcement agencies and a messaging campaign to educate and promote the boxes within the County.

Access to Health: Works to increase and promote access to health care, insurance, and information for all Orange County residents. This group focuses on the availability, affordability, accessibility and acceptability of care and services. Current and recent involvement includes assistance with education and enrollment into the Affordable Care Act; address transportation barriers to health care access; and education and training around Health Literacy that identifies barriers and facilitators of health system/patient information and will work to develop a plan to enhance patient experience.

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I am willing to serve on the following priority task groups(s): (Check all that apply)

- Healthy Carolinians of Orange County Council
- Access to Care, Insurance, and Information Committee
- Health Promotion (Chronic Disease Prevention) Committee
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Committee
- I would like to receive e-mail updates/newsletters

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I am willing to meet: (Check all that apply)

- Access to Care: Monthly, every 4th Wednesday, 8:45am – 10:00am
- Health Promotion: Monthly, every 2nd Wednesday, 8:45am – 10:00am
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse: Monthly, every 1st Thursday, 8:30am – 10:00am
- Healthy Carolinians Council: Quarterly, 2nd Thursdays, 8:30am – 10:00am

Participation

Special skills that I bring to the partnership (e.g., program or event planning, grant writing, data entry, group facilitation, media/public relations, report writing, evaluation, etc.) are:

I agree to support the mission and goals of Healthy Carolinians of Orange County.

Signature

Date

Please return this form to Healthy Carolinians of Orange County at:
hcoc@orangecountync.gov or 300 West Tryon St., Hillsborough, NC, 27278

If you would like to learn more about how to get involved with the work of Healthy Carolinians of Orange County, please contact the Healthy Carolinians Coordinator, Ashley Mercer, at 919.245.2440 or e-mail amercer@orangecountync.gov