

# MCIC News & Updates

*MCIC: Formed in 1996 to work toward improving the long-term health of all Mississippians. Over 140 members representing 100 public & private organizations*

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## MCIC Partners with Mississippi Rural Health Association

A February meeting at Regions Bank in Madison finalized a long-sought opportunity for the Mississippi Chronic Illness Coalition to accept tax deductible donations through the Mississippi Rural Health Association (MRHA). This funding will allow MCIC to plan expansion and programming activities toward the coalition mission of reducing chronic illness and associated health disparities to improve the health of all Mississippians by facilitation of health promotion and disease prevention.

“This is a monumental event that will greatly influence the ongoing success of the Mississippi Chronic Illness Coalition,” stated Mary Helen Conner. “Sincere thanks go to the Mississippi Rural Health Association for making it possible for MCIC to be able to accept tax-deductible donations.”

According to the signed agreement, MRHA will serve as the financial entity for MCIC for operation until the volunteer driven partnership incorporates as a 501(c)3 organization and receives IRS tax status.

Any organization or individual interested in supporting and donating funds to MCIC can contact Sandra Shelson, treasurer, or any MCIC officer.

“Special recognition and thanks go to Margrett Davis of AskMed for making the first donation to the newly created MCIC checking account,” said Mary Helen.



*Historic MCIC Moment  
at Regions*

Signing the paper at Regions Bank is Mary Helen Conner, MCIC chair, as Matt Seal, Jan Entrekin and Margrett Davis observe.

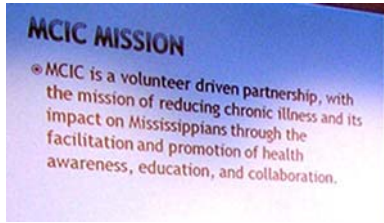
**Mississippi Chronic Illness Coalition  
(MCIC) General Meeting  
June 4, 2008, 11-2  
Osborne Auditorium, Woodrow Wilson**

**ESRD Network 8 Meeting Host**  
**\*\*Please notify Brenda Dyson of your  
intention to be present so that an  
accurate number can be counted for  
lunch. Brenda's information:  
601-936-9260 or bdyson@nw8.esrd.net.\*\***

## Agenda June 4, 2008

Welcome. . . . .Mary Helen Conner  
Chronic Kidney Disease in Mississippi . . .Network 8  
CMS 9th Scope of Work . . . . .IQH  
“Know Your Numbers” for Youth. . . . Ann Sansing  
Elections: Proposed 2008-2009 slate of officers  
Chair: Mary Helen Conner  
Vice-Chair: Margrett Davis  
Secretary: Open--**Nominees Needed**  
Treasurer: Sandra Shelson  
Nominations accepted from floor and by e-mail prior  
to June 4 meeting; nominee must be present at  
meeting.

Committee break-out sessions discussion of  
2008-2009 committee chairs and co-chairs  
Committee reports  
Old Business: *Update on the MCIC bank account  
at Regions Bank in Madison*  
Bank account donation recognition  
New business: Funding Sources/ Donations  
Agenda items for the next meeting  
Next meeting date (September 17)  
Meeting evaluation  
Adjournment



## February 2008 Program



Trannie Murphy of IQH explained a proposed Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Coalition. Network 8 will discuss the burden of CKD in Mississippi at the June 4 meeting.



Jan Entrekin with the Mississippi Rural Health Association updated the group on plans for MRHA to assist MCIC in establishing an avenue for accepting donations.



Dr. Evelyn Walker gave an update on the Jackson Heart program.

## Scenes from a 'Capital' Capitol Day



“MCIC Update” courtesy of  
Information & Quality Healthcare  
(IQH)  
Editor Carole Kelly/Chair MCIC  
Membership/PR Committee



**Save the Date**  
Next MCIC Meeting to be held:  
June 4, 2008  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Osbourne Auditorium Health Department  
ESRD Hosting