Ongoing Efforts

Healthcare Work Group
The Healthcare Work Group will meet on Nov. 6 and be joined by Dr. Henry Young, from the UGA College of Pharmacy. Dr. Young spearheads UGA’s obesity initiative and will address the work group regarding Habersham’s top health priorities.

Workforce Development Work Group
Archway continues to work with both the Habersham County School System and the Habersham Chamber of Commerce to facilitate the implementation of a workforce development curriculum in Habersham schools. The group met on Oct. 20 to discuss combining the Junior Achievement curriculum with the efforts of community volunteers, in conducting a business seminar for Habersham students. The seminar is planned for the spring.

Community Health Needs Assessment
Archway has begun facilitating work with UGA’s College of Public Health and Habersham Medical Center (HMC) to complete a government mandated community needs assessment. The assessment is part of an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirement that non-profit hospitals complete a community needs assessment and action plan every three years. The assessment will include data gathering regarding HMC’s service offerings and patient care, as well as including stakeholder focus groups and community input.

Drug Prevention and Treatment Work Group
Habersham Archway will facilitate continued meetings of its Drug Prevention and Treatment Work Group, with assistance from Dr. Merrill Norton and the College of Pharmacy to collect data and formulate a strategy for implementing local treatment options. Local data collections include that of client profiles, local treatment compilations, the exploration of community partnerships, as well as the potential procurement grant funding. UGA officials plan to compile collected data for presentation to the work group in November.

Water Study Presentation
Habersham Archway will work with Harry Hayes and Scott Pippin, faculty members in the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government, to facilitate the upcoming final presentation of the Habersham Water Report, which is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 3:30 p.m. at the Habersham County Courthouse. This meeting will include Archway’s Executive Committee as well as a larger community group, including municipal and county water department employees. The meeting will also be designed to include a facilitated discussion of “what comes next?,” with a Q & A session.

Looking Forward

Recycling Work Group
Habersham Archway will continue to facilitate work with its community-wide recycling group and will equally facilitate the work of Dr. Maria Len-Rios’ class from the UGA Grady College of Journalism as they complete a public relations and education campaign for local and community recycling. Dr. Len-Rios is scheduled to visit Habersham in mid-November and will tour the community as her class concludes its work on this project.

**EDC Work Group**
Habersham Archway will facilitate the Nov. 18 meeting of its Economic Development Council (EDC) Work Group, which is expected to be the group’s final meeting as it prepares to formalize into an independent entity.

**Workforce Development Work Group**
Habersham Archway will facilitate a meeting of its Workforce Development Work Group on Oct. 20. The meeting will examine the introduction and implementation of the Junior Achievement curriculum in Habersham’s Middle Schools. Junior Achievement educates students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs.