



HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL
March 24, 2022
HYBRID MEETING MINUTES

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Bailey, MLMC
Lisa McCoy, MD Extension
Duane Yoder, GCCAC
Rebecca Aiken, GCPS
Robert Stephens, GCHD
Kimi Scott-McGreevy, GRMC
Larry Tichnell, GC Commissioner

CONSUMER MEMBERS PRESENT

George Evans
Dr. Willis McGill
Regina Gearhart
Steve Putnam
Rodney Glotfelty
Chrisie Reckart
Robin McGill

STAFF AND VISITORS PRESENT

Jeremiah Zeigler
Amy Ritchie
John Corbin
Amanda Petersen
Grace Bolyard
Diane Lee
Kendra McLaughlin
Dr. Bill Pope
Donna Fost
Fred Polce, Jr.
Shelley Argabrite
Julie Teter
Scott Hollingsworth
Dr. Jennifer Corder
Tiffany Fratz
Marian Emr

Steve Putnam called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. in the conference room of the Garrett County Health Department. Kimi Scott-McGreevy motioned to accept the minutes from January’s meeting and Larry Tichnell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

2022-24 GC COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT PROCESS

A survey instrument was developed by all of the partners to meet the needs of and benefit them. The survey was reviewed and discussed by the group. The link to the survey is <http://bit.ly/2022cha>. If a print version is needed, please contact Shelley. There is a prize drawing entry form at the end of the survey for those that complete the survey.

Focus groups will be forming and hope to be through these by the end of May.

July 1 is the cut off for the surveys and focus groups.

The Health Planning Council approved the survey and it will be released later today. Please help in getting the surveys out to all Garrett County residents. Shelley will update the group at the next meeting.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT PLANNING

There have been an average of 4.9 opioid deaths from 2012-2021. In 2021 every overdose death included an opiate.



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There has been an opiate settlement with pharmaceutical companies which is broke down into:

- State share - statewide initiatives and possible grants
- Local share - this is given to the county commissioners, which gives an opportunity for start-up funds

The commissioners are looking for recommendations for the money, and as the HPC is an advisory committee, we may be able to assist in this. There will be stipulations and evidence based programs will be required.

The Opioid Intervention Team (OIT) was formed about six years ago to address the opioid crisis. It is broken down into four subgroups and each group looks at what is going on in their area. The groups are prevention, treatment, recovery, and legal/law enforcement.

AGENCY UPDATES

GRMC - Garrett Regional Medical Center has been named one of the top twenty rural and community hospitals for the second year in a row.

GC Hospice - On June 19 they will be having their walk. They are working on acquiring sponsorships, if anyone is interested.

Commissioners - They are working on the job description for Economic Director and setting up interviews for fire marshall. They are also working on the budget and meeting with different groups.

GCHD - Covid testing has been cut back to four days a week.

There are two town halls scheduled for Trauma Informed Care, on April 12 at Southern Middle and May 17 at Northern Middle.

There are two tobacco quit classes starting soon.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m. The next HPC meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Stephens, MS
Health Officer/HPC Secretary

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