

**HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL
JUNE 23, 2022
(HYBRID) MEETING MINUTES**

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT

Rebecca Aiken, GCPS	Alicia Street, GCDHS	Larry Tichnell, Commissioner
Robert Stephens, GCHD	Duane Yoder, GCDSS	

CONSUMER MEMBERS PRESENT

Regina Gearhart	Dr. Willis McGill	Robin McGill	Christie Reckart
Dr. Karl Schwalm	Edgar Harman	Steve Putnam	William Riley

VISITORS

Dr. William Pope	Melissa Bolyard	Fred Polce, Jr.	Grace Bolyard
Corey Edmonds	Scott Hollingsworth	John Hummel	Willie Lantz
Amy Ritchie	Heather Cooper	Dr. Jenny Corder	John Corbin
Kendra McLaughlin	Maria Friend	Tiffany Fratz	Julie Teter
Marian Emr			

Steve Putnam called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

FOOD COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE

Willie Lantz presented a PowerPoint that detailed the food council, which includes stakeholders that work with food and food production.

The Council structure includes three counties that work together and individually. The Food Security Councils are integrating into Local Health Improvement Coalitions. Garrett County will now have its own Food Council.

For more information or to become involved, please email Willie at wlantz@umd.edu.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Commissioners have approved the recommendation of the Council to renew the terms of Edgar Harman, Dr. Karl Schwalm, and Brian Boal. Appointment letters will be sent to each of them.

AGENCY UPDATES

GCHD - Legislature has passed Good Faith Estimates that details charges for self pay and under or uninsured patients/clients.

The Personal Health staff are looking into partnering with the Dove Center and GRMC to redevelop the Forensic Nurse Program in the county with plans to provide sexual assault exams in a clinic space that allows for a more trauma informed approach.

The Health Department will begin offering COVID vaccine for 6 month - 5 year olds. The first clinic will be on Friday, June 24 in Grantsville and then Tuesday, June 28 in the Oakland office.

Monkeypox - There are 3 presumptive cases in Maryland and 142 in the US. Test kits are available through local health departments.

Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) is expanding to the northern end of the county.

GCPS - The School Wellness program is being reset to prior COVID.

Hospice - They had a successful walk on Sunday and raised approximately \$30,000.

Their north office is located in the WVU Urgent Care plaza in McHenry. An open house is planned for July 21.

They have hired a social worker.

Appalachian Crossroads - There has been a bureaucratic barrier problem in support for employee services with mental illness, which can impact employment in Garrett County.

GCHD/PH - Heather Cooper reported that her department will be instituting lead screening for school entry.

GCDSS - There are currently 46 children in foster care. There was an Idlewild event for all of the families and children, which was a success.

They are currently down a supervisor position.

GCCA - They have been awarded grant funding to implement the Johns Hopkins CAPABLE: Aging in Place program. It will combine OP, RN, environmental recommendations with handy work improvements, and case management with a goal to head off falls and allow the elderly to stay independent in their homes. They are having challenges in recruiting an RN.

GCHD/LMB - They are conducting end of year grant monitoring and will be meeting with vendors for FY2023.

Workgroup on Child and Adolescent Wellness - The group will be discussing child abuse and neglect. In the August meeting, Heather Cooper will be discussing teen pregnancy.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Stephens, MS
GC Health Officer/HPC Secretary

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