

Meeting Minutes -
COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY HEALTH
April 19, 2023 6:30 P.M.
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APPROVED

Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call: Bernard Hooper called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Each member shared their name and introduced themselves to the group.

Members Present: Bernard Hooper, Molly David, Charles (Charlie) Starkman, Annemarie Diakow, Janay Hill, Obi Ogbonnaya, Jessica Schefman, Leon Small

Members Absent: Eunice Jeffries

Others Present: Teresa Jergovich, Tammy Luty

Approval of Minutes – Molly moved to approve the minutes, with Annemarie supporting the motion. The minutes from the March 2023 meeting were approved.

Approval of Agenda: Jessica moved to approve the agenda for today’s meeting, with Molly supporting the motion. The agenda for today’s meeting was approved.

Welcome New Commission Member – Janay Hill: Janay introduced herself to the group. She resides in Farmington and works as a public health consultant. Janay earned her master’s degree in public health and hopes that her background will be of use to the commission.

April Community Service Announcement – Update: Jessica provided an update on the presentation she developed for Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Bernard described the documents that were sent out to the commissioners via email. In the documents, topics such as tips to reduce distracted driving, the risks of texting while driving, and no-fault insurance were elaborated upon. Bernard suggested a brief revision, which was supported by the commission. The commission agreed to reach out to the same contact as last month for the Eating Disorder Awareness project. Jessica introduced a motion to distribute the distracted driving announcement, with Molly seconding the motion. The motion was approved.

Farmers Market - Update: Annemarie provided an update on her communication with the Farmers Market coordinator. She was able to get in touch with Walt and share what the commission is hoping to accomplish through our presentation, most notably surrounding behavioral health and gun violence. Walt inquired about the group sharing a table with Corewell at the Farmers Market. Annemarie noted that Walt sent the email to Kari from Corewell to get her thoughts. Walt suggested May 13, July 22, August 12, and October 7 as potential dates for the commission to table at the market. Commissioners shared their thoughts about having our own table versus sharing a table with Corewell. Bernard noted the importance of building community relationships in order to further our reach as a commission. Teresa did mention past issues that the commission had when working with

Corewell, which commissioners did consider. Commissioners agreed that we would like to be present at the market and decided upon October 7 as the preferred date. Molly introduced a motion to set October 7 as the date the commission will be present to table the event, with Annemarie in support. The motion was approved. Molly then inquired as to whether the commission would be open to acquiring giveaways for children attending the market; commissioners agreed that this would be a good idea.

Police Safety Crime and Prevention Fair – 4/25: Teresa indicated that the commission will have a booth from 5-8 PM at the fair, which will be held at The Hawk. The table will have trivia cards and a spinning wheel, and if the children get the questions correct they will have the chance to win a small quilt. Flashlights will be provided for the adults. Teresa shared that the booth will have information on the 988 crisis line and Files of Life. Commissioners are welcome to share anything related to their individual organizations.

Member and Public Comments/Announcements: Tammy Luty, the secretary from the Farmington Hills Commission on Youth and Families, was present for today's meeting. She shared that her commission created a Kindness Rock Garden last year. Tammy partnered with the Farmington Community Library Teen Program to have teens help with rock painting and preparing the garden. The Commission on Youth and Families will be hosting a rock painting event on May 13th at the Farmers Market. Another rock painting event will be held on Earth Day at the Heritage Park Nature Center. She noted previous collaboration with the Arts Commission and expressed a desire to work with our commission because of the emphasis on mental health. Tammy stated that the council liaison, Councilwoman Mary Newlin, encouraged her to reach out and collaborate with us on a future mental health related event, planning on being held this fall. Tammy encouraged commissioners to attend the May event or to share the flyer with their social networks. Jessica offered to attend the June Commission on Youth and Families to bring back ideas to our commission to see where collaboration could occur. Bernard also noted that rock painting might be a popular project with veterans.

Molly shared emotions coloring sheets from NAMI that the commission could advertise for young kids. The commission logo can be affixed to the coloring sheets. She also suggested the commission focus on bike safety in the fall.

Bernard shared with the commission that due to the COVID emergency declaration being discontinued as of May 1st, Oakland County residents will need to be reassessed for their Medicaid eligibility. Many commissioners were unaware that this was occurring. Bernard further discussed the consequences of what could happen if Oakland County residents lose access to Medicaid, including in Farmington/Farmington Hills. Teresa suggested putting a flyer at Salvation Army to ensure lower-SES residents are aware of this change. Molly noted that there is an additional three month sign-up period through the Affordable Care Act marketplace. She suggested that commissioners share this via social media.

Next Meeting: The next commission meeting will be held **May 17, 2023** at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: Jessica moved to adjourn the meeting, with Molly supporting the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.