

Meeting Minutes -
COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY HEALTH
June 21, 2023 6:30 P.M.
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL- COMMUNITY ROOM
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APPROVED

Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call: Bernard Hooper called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. Each member shared their name and introduced themselves to the group.

Members Present: Bernard Hooper, Charles (Charlie) Starkman, Annemarie Diakow, Janay Hill, Leon Small,

Members Absent: Molly David, Obi Ogbonnaya, Eunice Jeffries, Jessica Schefman

Others Present: Teresa Jergovich, Mary Newlin

Approval of Minutes – 05/17/2023: Charlie moved to approve the minutes, with Annemarie supporting the motion. The minutes from the May 2023 meeting were approved.

Approval of Agenda: Annemarie moved to approve the agenda for today's meeting, with Janay supporting the motion. The agenda for today's meeting was approved.

Easy Rider Bike Program – Janay Hill: Janay shared with the group that she spoke with a representative from the Costick Center who coordinates the 50 and up bike ride, as well as a representative from the city clerk's office regarding event planning for an all-ages bike ride. A waiver form will be needed. If the commission was to plan a larger event, we would need at least three weeks to do so. Janay inquired as to whether a disclaimer would be included on the flyer, but Bernard indicated this would not be acceptable. Janay proposed selecting a weekly ride date in early July and working toward doing a bigger event, to be held in September or October. After consideration, commissioners agreed that the weekly ride would begin **Wednesday, July 12th at 7 PM** and will last for approximately one hour, equivalent to four miles of biking. A title and location for the event will be selected at a later date. Janay then made a motion to propose the bike event, with Annemarie supporting the motion. All event information will be posted on the city website.

City Open House – Sunday, October 8th: Teresa provided commissioners with an overview of the City Open House. Rock painting and/or putting stickers on small pumpkins were discussed as potential activity options to have at the commission's open house table. Annemarie reminded the group that the commission would be tabling the Farmers Market on October 7th. Bernard indicated that he can bring OCHN information to place on our table, along with the Files of Life and other commission information.

Medicaid PSA Announcements Distribution: Teresa reported that the Medicaid announcements were sent to Neighborhood House, Salvation Army, CARES, Oakland County Foster Closet, and SOUL to distribute copies to their clients. Bernard inquired about a city

event to help people re-enroll in Medicaid, and Teresa explained that the commission would have to create an event themselves. In order to partner with the city, space availability and other factors would have to be taken into account. Most likely, the event would be held at The Hawk and commissioners. Commissioners were open to holding a day-long re-enrollment event in August. Teresa noted that she is a MAP counselor and can help people sign up for Medicaid, although more counselors would be needed. It was suggested that a flyer be provided to Head Start students in late summer, which might require the event to be held in September. Last year, there were 78 Head Start families in Farmington Hills. Bernard ultimately decided that the commission would revisit finalizing the event at the September meeting.

LDS Clothing Distribution Event – October 20 and 21 (The commission will be a partner with this community program): This event had been discussed at a meeting last year. Molly agreed to be the commission chairperson for this event. Teresa noted that the commission had approved funding to be used for flyers advertising the event. The LDS church is located on 13 Mile Road, just west of Farmington.

Operation Breast Density: Bernard stated that the organization is run by Dr. Shoshanna Halwell, a physician who is a breast cancer survivor. The organization focuses on empowering women with knowledge about their breast health to optimize and individualize their breast cancer screening. Currently, the founder is attempting to introduce legislation to the state House and Senate, although it will not be brought to the floor during this session. Mary suggested that State Representative Samantha Steckloff, a breast cancer survivor, would be an excellent partner as the commission becomes more involved with this organization. Leon shared that he has a personal connection to the issue, as his mother passed away from breast cancer.

Prescription Disposal Bags: This topic was discussed briefly. Bernard stated that ordering these disposal bags on Amazon is quite costly. These bags would be included in the Box of Life, along with Narcan and other medical necessities. The boxes will be available at the library. Mary inquired about the Hawk potentially being a location for the boxes. Bernard introduced a motion to bring this to the appropriate parties, which was seconded and approved.

Oakland County Health Network Threat Assessment Program: Bernard explained that threat assessment is a school-based program and will assess the behavior of children to determine whether early intervention is needed to prevent undesirable and/or violent behavior in the future. Bernard stated that he spoke to Terri Weems, a school board member, and suggested that this program be brought to the Farmington Public Schools. Teresa noted that the Commission on Youth and Families might be interested in collaborating with the commission.

Member and Public Comments/Announcements: Mary reported that she discussed with Mayor Barnett about having the new firefighter speak about his cochlear implant. Bernard suggested that the commission will resume videos in the fall. The Community Garden was also mentioned as a possible idea for next year. Teresa suggested that the commission partner

with a local church or synagogue or food pantry, while Janay raised concern that if the garden were located at a house of worship, it would become the congregation's garden. This will be brought up again on the September agenda.

Next Meeting: The next commission meeting will be held **September 20, 2023** at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: Annemarie moved to adjourn the meeting, with Bernard supporting the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.