

**Meeting Minutes**  
**COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
**February 15, 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 6:37 PM. Each member shared their name and introduced themselves to the group.

**Members Present:** Bernard Hooper, Annemarie Diakow, Molly David, Jessica Schefman, Eunice Jeffries

**Members Absent:** Alexander Mott, Obi Ogbonnaya, Charles (Charlie) Starkman

**Others Present:** Teresa Jergovich, Mary Newlin, Leon Small

**Approval of Minutes – 1/18/2023:** Molly moved to approve the minutes, with Eunice supporting the motion. The minutes from the January 2022 meeting were approved without opposition.

**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.

**Community Service Announcements:** Eunice brought up the State of the Cities (March 8, 2023), a portion of the agenda includes closure of the Highland Lake campus & moving programs between campuses. OCC will be a sponsor for FH Farmer's Market as well. Feb 22, 2023 - Waterford State of the Township will be held for public comment on the land for the Waterford OCC campus. Mary Newlin adds that the State of the Cities is run by the chamber with speakers to provide a summary of what's happening and in the works for planning; Chamber members will be present with local business owners. Roughly 150 in attendance. Adds that the 50th Anniversary of the City kick-off will be at City Hall, July 2023. Bernard: MDHHS sent an informal survey for recommendations on providers for mental health. Bernard provided comments to the MDHHS regarding rights for direct care workers to offer opportunity to build a career, earn greater wages and benefits as they become more experienced, with qualifications that come through other organizations, like OCC. Requirements had been waived for practicum for service providers to children; as a result, participation increased - the program will terminate in 12 months and return to the traditional licensing procedure.

A moment of silence observed for MSU students. Easterseals and others are providing support to those impacted; Bernard suggested that the commission might be able to support these same organizations. Leon Small, introduced himself. Founder All Per Plus, a natural pesticide company, and author of Organic Living from a Bald-Headed Rasta, re natural healing; interested in education outreach to kids & adults for natural remedies.

**Development and Distribution of a Monthly Community Health Events Calendar:** Teresa, discussed changes with the senior group Costick is opting out of the May Health & Wellness event, but will participate in the annual clothing drive in October. Teresa shared a 2019 calendar with the commission as a jumping off point and for potential revisions; Eunice brought up the calendar regarding the commission having a table at events, and by way of example, as October is domestic awareness, the commission might like to coordinate resources provided based on tie into each month. Bernard adds the

Commission can make the decision as to what to promote consistently vs in a cyclical manner. Or, by maintaining items on the commission's agenda to remain consistent. The purpose of participating in events & having tables is to offer informational guides and brochures and add to the commission's visibility in the community. Mary asked about the collection for the clothing drive - however, they are not collected locally, but in Utah. Molly will be liaison for the drive.

**Coordination with Programs with FHPD, FHFD, BFH (Beaumont Farmington Hills):** i.e. City Open House; Bernard wants to get an idea of the kinds of programs each are operating within the city and schools; we might want to support the CPR training already done; police initiatives for school & fire; Oakland County provides behavioral health school navigators which provide resources to schools regarding behavioral health support the students may need. Currently ramping up eating disorder awareness. Molly created a mock-up for ED awareness; Teresa discussed changes needed for the mockups. Bernard asked the group about using social media to target the intended audience. 1st community service PSA - Molly wants to get the information out to the FHSD listserv. Printed materials are also an option for community organizations our members are involved in - potentially the Hawk or FH Libraries, doctor's offices, OCC, among others.

**Community Presentation Event - State Representative and Senators for Farmington Hills, Oakland Community Health Network:** January 2023 - Oakland County Health Network - Legislative breakfast for F/FH District. As the state had been redistricted, some of the representatives present were new to FH, others were new to the other communities in the newly drawn district. Elected officials expressed desire to have more community contacts & grass roots activities; Bernard mentioned we might host/coordinate events that they might be able to speak on their agendas and give the community the opportunity to meet and speak with their elected officials. Potentially in the late Summer to coordinate schedules. Eunice provided support & volunteered the college as a potential venue. Oakland County Commissioners can be included as well. Mary added that this is also on the City Council agenda; Haley Stevens will be speaking at an event in West Bloomfield next week. (Zack Rich is her district liaison). **Molly brought a motion to investigate sponsoring an event with representatives to speak to residents of Farmington Hills. The motion was supported by Jessica, motion unopposed.**

**Member Comments/Announcements:** Farmington Hills adopted the Governor's proclamation announcing January 2023 as Social Determinants of Health Month in Michigan. Mary read the proclamation, as adopted. Bernard shared that he was in London last month for graduating with distinction from her Graduate Program; she has begun her PhD program at Princeton.

**Next Meeting:** The next commission meeting will be held **February 15, 2023**, at 6:30 PM.

**Adjournment:** Eunice moved to adjourn the meeting, with Molly supporting the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.