

Meeting Minutes
COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY HEALTH
January 18, 2023 6:30 P.M.
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Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call: Charlie Starkman called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Each member shared their name and introduced themselves to the group.

Members Present: Charles (Charlie) Starkman, Annemarie Diakow, Molly David, Obi Ogbonnaya, Jessica Schefman

Members Absent: Bernard Hooper, Eunice Jeffries, Alexander Mott

Others Present: Teresa Jergovich, Mary Newlin

Approval of Minutes – 11/16/22: Jessica moved to approve the minutes, with Molly supporting the motion. The minutes from the November 2022 meeting were approved.

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

Change the Agenda Process: Teresa explained that Bernard expressed an interest in having all commissioners contribute to the meeting agenda. Any information group members would like to share or discuss must be sent to Teresa beforehand, preferably several days before the meeting.

Community Service Messages: Molly shared with the group a list of national health observances that might be of interest to the group. Teresa suggested that the commission look into beginning this project in the spring, ideally by March or April. Molly indicated that Bernard expressed a desire to create a separate webpage for the commission, which Teresa clarified would have to be approved by the city's media department. Commissioners appeared interested in gathering materials for National Eating Disorder Awareness Week; as this is Charlie's area of specialty, he indicated that he could send materials to Molly for editing before sending them to local schools. Molly outlined the importance of having a set place to house important commission information.

Development and Distribution of a Monthly Community Health Events Calendar: Prior to COVID, the commission had created a list of events at which they had been present. Teresa reviewed this list from 2019 with the commission. Jessica suggested that the calendar be added to the commission webpage; all commissioners agreed that this would be an important step moving forward. Those present also discussed the issue of hoarding, its impact on overall community health, and potential commission interest in engaging with this issue. Jessica noted that the calendar should also serve a planning function to help the commission stay up to date on different events.

Coordination of FHPD, FHFD, BFH: As Bernard was not present for today's meeting, this agenda item will be discussed in further detail next month.

Goodfellows Collaboration: Teresa shared that this year, Goodfellows served 80 adults and 127 families. Overall, the event was a success! Teresa indicated that the Goodfellows kickoff meeting is in October, with the warehouse opening right before Thanksgiving. Teresa mentioned Oakland County Foster Closet (OCFC) as another community organization with whom the commission could collaborate. Mary gave the commissioners some background on the organization and suggested the commission partner with OCFC on a coat drive, suitcase donation, etc.

Member Comments/Announcements: Teresa shared that the Oakland County Polar Plunge will take place February 4th, 2023. It is held in Walled Lake and all proceeds go to the Special Olympics. Mary commented that Governor Whitmer has proclaimed January to be Social Determinants of Health Month, and she is aiming to have this proclamation at the city level, as well.

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

Adjournment: Charlie moved to adjourn the meeting, with Jessica supporting the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.