



Healthy Pontiac, We Can!

Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019

Members Present:

Lisa Braddix	Greater Detroit Area Health Council
Sylvia Campbell	Sheriff PAL
Karen Chappell	Girl Scouts
Justen Daniels	Oakland University
Heather Duenas	Baldwin Center
Elialuisa (Gigi) Garza	Aetna Better Health of MI
Pam Granberry	Girtrek
Dyann Hayes	All Saints Episcopal Church – Produce Mkt.
Kathalee James	Friends of Pontiac Parks
Berkis Johnson	OLHSA
Cassandra Jones	United Way for Southeast Michigan
Cheryl LaFleur	CNS Healthcare
Key Locke	L.O.V. 4H Club / PHAT VGAW
Jennifer Lucarelli	Oakland University
Shannon McNair	Oakland University
James McQueen	Lighthouse at Oakland
Kelli Marshall	Blue Cross Complete
Kelsey Merz	Oakland County Health Division
Nicole Nagarah	OLHSA
Kristina Ottenwess	Oakland County Health Division
Ashley Polinski	Oakland Family Services
Jill Robinson	Oakland County Treasurer
Teresa Rodges	Oakland University
Melissa Steiner	MDHHS – Lead Safe Home
Terese Teasley	Pontiac Community Alliance / St. Joe's
Lyndsay Tye	Oakland Mediation Center
Virginia Uhley	OUSB School of Medicine
Kermit Williams	Honor Community Health
Sherian Williams	Next Level Coaching & Mentoring

Guests Present:

Jyere Maxwell	Oakland University
Mikal Oneal	Oakland University

Staff Present:

Signa Metivier	Oakland County Health Division
Jessica Williams	Oakland County Health Division

1. Introductions

The meeting of Healthy Pontiac, We Can! was called to order by J. Lucarelli at 1:06 p.m. on October 8, 2019 at the Lighthouse at Oakland, 46156 Woodward Ave, Pontiac, 48342.

2. Partnership Updates

Member introductions and agency updates. Send agency events and updates to Jessica Williams, williamsjr@oakgov.com between meeting dates.

3. Approval of Minutes

J. Lucarelli asked members for changes/corrections to minutes for August 13, 2019.
Approved unanimously.

4. Aligning Healthy Pontiac and the City of Pontiac's Work

K. Williams Informed members he currently serves as the City Council President for the City of Pontiac and by day works in community outreach for Honor Community Health which is the largest federally qualified health care center in Oakland County. He said Honor sees about 30,000 people a year including about 5,000 homeless patients. They don't turn anyone away regardless of insurance or lack thereof. He told members 16,000 people in Pontiac still don't get any health care regardless of all the great programs that are available.

K. Williams reviewed HPWC's strategies and the work/programs that have come out of HPWC initiatives and asked members for input on how Pontiac starts creating health-based policies. He said most of the things voted on at city council are reviewed primarily by cost first, but council needs quality of life scores or a health matrix to see how projects affect the general population before council votes. He said he is very excited about the 1,500 jobs that would come to Pontiac with Amazon, but the city doesn't have a matrix in place to look at the environmental impact of Amazon. For example, where will the water runoff from the factory go and are there potential cancer-causing agents 20 years down the road. He told members much of the land in Pontiac is a brownfield which is land that has been previously developed and needs environmental remediation to be brought back into use. K. Williams said most of the land in Pontiac was contaminated because of factories that were previously built on the land and now Pontiac needs to move toward the future ensuring that they are thoughtful on how they use the land going forward.

K. Williams told members Pontiac needs a quality of life commission and he's hoping HPWC would move into the recommendation role as it is made up of a diverse group of health care individuals, community members, and advocates from across the state and county. He said he would like HPWC to comment on the pros and cons of projects before they are voted on. He said HPWC has done a lot of unofficial work in Pontiac and it would be good to formalize the information coming from the group and out of the community meetings K. Williams said he would like to see the mechanisms put in place for HPWC to be an oversight/advisory group to city council.

K. Williams asked members of HPWC to take a meeting tour of the Pontiac Youth Recreation and Enrichment Center, 825 Golf Dr., and see what can be done to improve it. He told members one of the problems with the center is there are no sidewalks in front of the building and there is no plan to put sidewalks there.

K. James asked K. Williams if the new parks master plan could be approved before the end of the year. J. Lucarelli said that HPWC spent two years working on the masterplan and it has been at the administrative building for at least six months and they would appreciate any help he can give on navigating the systems. Other issues brought up by members are damaged sidewalks which are hard for seniors to walk on and trees that are overgrown.

5. Networking Break

6. Community Health Champions

L. Braddix and T. Teasley presented the idea of HPWC Community Health Champions to members. T. Teasley said the champions would be individuals willing to share their story on fitness, mental health, healthy eating, etc. through Facebook, You Tube, meetings, etc. T. Teasley shared her own story of attending HPWC's Prescription for Health program and how it helped her develop healthy eating and an exercise program and said she is willing to be a champion. T. Teasley said the idea is to have many champions representing HPWC in the community. L. Braddix said they would like to create videos with the champions sharing their journey and what has helped them be successful.

J. Williams suggested reaching out to council members to identify people in their districts as community health champions. K. Locke suggested tapping into businesses in Pontiac for their expertise. She is a vegan chef and would be willing to share tips. Suggestion was made to encourage children to tell their stories as champions.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for members who would like to share their expertise as a Community Health Champion.

8. Adjournment

Being no further business, J. Lucarelli adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m. The end of the year potluck meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. on December 10, 2019 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 171 W. Pike St., Pontiac.

Minutes submitted by: Signa Metivier

Approved by: Jessica Williams