



## Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026

### Members Present:

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| Lisa Braddix       | Southeast Michigan Health Association |
| Leigh Coyle        | Oakland County Health Division        |
| Kristin Crosty     | Oakland County Health Division        |
| Elena Diaz         | Blue Cross Complete of Michigan       |
| Deborah Findley    | Pontiac Senior Centers                |
| Adrienne Gasperoni | Community Housing Network             |
| April Griffin      | Baldwin Center                        |
| Denise Harris      | Prevention Pontiac                    |
| Dyann Hayes        | All Saints Church / Bowen Sr. Center  |
| Ki-Jana Malone     | Aetna Better Health of MI             |
| Jaskaran Randhawa  | Dental Center of Pontiac              |
| Carolina Sisiruca  | Central Multicultural La Familia      |
| Angela Tabb        | Baldwin Center                        |
| Lindsay Wallace    | Oakland Transit                       |
| Kristen Wiltfang   | Oakland County Planning               |

### Staff Present:

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| Kelsey Merz    | Oakland County Health Division |
| Signa Metivier | Oakland County Health Division |

### 1. Welcome/Ice Breaker

K. Merz and L. Braddix welcomed members at 1:09 p.m. to the Healthy Pontiac, We Can! meeting. Members were asked to share what they are looking forward to this spring.

### 2. Partner Updates

D. Finley told members May is Mental Awareness Month, and a variety of activities are planned at the senior centers. Visit the City of Pontiac website for the senior centers calendars.

J. Randhawa told members the Dental Center of Pontiac has partnered with Oakland Community College to place dental hygienists in the Pontiac and Waterford area, and they started a new elementary school dental education program. They welcome input on what should be included in the education programs from partners.

K. Crosty told members the Oakland County Baby Café offers a free breastfeeding support group. The café is moving in May from Pontiac General to the Honor Community Health Center at the Baldwin Home Center. The hours remain the same every Monday and Wednesday, from 1 PM to 3 PM. She said the Healthy Families program is being expanded from Trinity Ann Arbor to Pontiac this summer. The program promotes strong healthy bodies and families. A registered dietician from OCHD, an exercise specialist, and a behavior specialist will all be available. She said the program is a free childhood obesity prevention program open to any family with children 6 to 18 years old. The location is still to be determined.

K. Wiltfang told members a new trail is being built just south and west of Presbyterian Village at the old railroad. It's under construction now and will add another 1.2 miles of walking and biking path. The

Pontiac Parks and Recreation Masterplan has been updated and accepted by the Department of Natural Resources, making the City of Pontiac once again eligible for grant funding. On April 18<sup>th</sup> there is household hazard waste collection event at Pine Knob and is free to Pontiac residents, registration is required.

A. Gasperoni told members Community Housing Network is hosting a barbecue on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and she is looking for partners who would like a resource table at the event to share services available with the community.

C. Sisiruca told members on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> Central Multicultural La Familia will host a free Cinco De Mayo event from 4pm – 8pm, 91 N. Saginaw St. Pontiac. On April 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:30pm they will celebrate Children's Day. Please register for the event. On May 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00pm to 4:30pm they will host a Vaccination Clinic. Vaccines are available to people with or without insurance.

A. Tabb told members on April 29<sup>th</sup> the Baldwin Center will extend their Wellness Wednesday program to the evening from 5:30pm to 7:30pm to reach families who are not available during the day. Family engagement activities will be available along with dinner. Summer Day Camp at the Baldwin Center runs July 6, through August 14, Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm. Lunch and snacks are provided.

L. Braddix told members the Southeastern Michigan Health Association is partnering with Karmanos Cancer Institute on a community survey. SEMHA is assisting with getting the survey information out to the communities and organizations to share with people they serve. The survey will not be shared on social media.

### **3. Pontiac Community Survey Discussion**

L. Braddix told members 174 surveys have been completed. They received the largest number of surveys from the 46 to 65 age group with 66 responses while the lowest age group was 18 to 30 with 12 responses.

May 10, 2026, is the new deadline for survey responses. They are aiming for 300 to 350 responses. They need responses from more age ranges especially younger people living in the City of Pontiac.

K. Merz asked members to share upcoming events members can attend to get survey responses. Survey materials are available for members to take after the meeting. Kelsey will arrange to pick up completed paper surveys collected by members.

K. Merz said after the surveys are collected and analyzed they will host five listening sessions. The listening sessions are small, quick verbal discussions on specific questions. They are not meant to be long discussions and hours like focus groups.

Suggestions for listening sessions were district meetings, Pontiac Art Crawl, Golden Opportunity Club meetings, and the Baldwin Center offered to host a session and provide childcare.

### **4. Adjournment:**

K. Merz adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m. The next HPWC! meeting is in person on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the Trinity Health Oakland, 44405 Woodward Ave, Pontiac, MI 48341. Meeting will be held in Succar room in the basement.

Minutes submitted by: Signa Metivier

Approved by: Kelsey Merz