



Healthy Pontiac, We Can!

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2021

Members Present:

Lisa Braddix	Greater Detroit Area Health Council
Pat Burnett	FDR Foundation
Joe Considine	Oakland Mediation Center
Elizabeth Crenshaw	Honor Community Health
Hannah DeCiantis	Blue Cross Complete
Jenna Graham	
Mary Hogan	Resident / Pontiac Sun Time Bank
Deidre Hurse	OUIWB School of Medicine
Kathalee James	Friends of Pontiac Parks
Jen Janhevich	Blue Cross Complete
Ruth Kaleniecki	Metro Health Foundation
Rita Little	Oakland County Health Division
Jennifer Lucarelli	Oakland University
Kelsey Merz	Oakland County Health Division
Alyssa Millan	
Paola Nkwuzor	OU Pontiac Initiative Parent University
Kristina Ottenwess	Oakland County Health Division
Avonlea Rickerson	Black Mothers Breast Feeding Association
Teresa Rodges	Oakland University
Christina Root	Centro Multicultural La Familia
Arian Spanta	AmeriHealth
Virginia Uhley	OUIWB School of Medicine
Kristen Wiltfang	OC Economic Development & Community Affairs
Debbie Wisser	Oakland Community Health Network
Madelyne Wright	OLHSA

Staff Present:

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

1. Introductions & Partnership Updates

E. Crenshaw welcomed members to the virtual meeting of Healthy Pontiac, We Can! at 1:02 p.m. on August 10, 2021.

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

2. Pontiac Community Survey Report

Dr. D. Hurse reviewed the Pontiac Community Survey and highlighted some items that will help members as they begin to have conversations about strategic planning. Dr. Hurse informed members a link to the full report was in the August meeting invitation. Some items that Dr.

Hurse highlighted were the “Overall appearance and cleanliness” and “Overall image or reputation of Pontiac” where more than 50% reported these areas as poor. She also shared the results of the 2018 and 2021 surveys showing neighborhood safety was ranked number one in both. Closely tied for second place in 2018 were “more exercise and physical activity opportunities” and “improved access to healthcare”. In 2021 access to healthcare was ranked second. For question #8 “What should the priority of parks and recreation be over the next five years” 84% of the respondents said regular park upkeep was most important. Renovate community centers and protect/improve the natural environment and wildlife habitat both received over 60%.

3. Survey & Collaboration Multiplier Themes

L. Braddix asked members to think about other groups/organizations that HPWC! can include in the coalition to help work on major themes from the community survey like safety, dog issues, and cleanliness of the parks. Discussion ensued.

Some suggestions were Pontiac neighborhood organizations, Oakland Forward, Pontiac Collective Impact Partnership, Oakland County Sheriff’s Office, Oakland University Pontiac Initiative, and McLaren Hospital.

4. New Strategic Plan Idea Generation Activity

J. Williams shared the areas of overlap from the Pontiac Community Survey and collaboration multiplier to help members generate ideas for the strategic plan. Using Jam Board ideas were collected from members on neighborhood safety, access to healthcare, healthy eating options, physical activity, and an open board on topics members find important. Boards will be left open for one week after the meeting for members to continue sharing ideas.

5. Adjournment

J. Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Signa Metivier

Approved by: Jessica Williams