

Healthy Pontiac, We Can!

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2017

Members Present:

Shiny Abraham	National Kidney Foundation of Michigan
Karlton Akins	Oakland Community Health Network
Amanda Alkatib	UnitedHealthcare Community Plan
Janet Barley	Calvary Pontiac/Clarkston
Robert Dawson	All Saints Produce Market
Jeff Fohey	Chamber/Pontiac Sun Time Bank
Allyson Forest	Oakland University
Nicole Frantz	Oakland University
Juanita Harper	Dare to Dream
Kathalee James	Friends of Pontiac Parks
Jennifer Kirby	Oakland County Health Division
Floyd Kopietz	D for Detroit
Jennifer Lucarelli	Oakland University
Kelli Marshall	Blue Cross Complete
Monica Martinez	OLHSA
James McQueen	Lighthouse at Oakland
Lisa McKay-Chiasson	Oakland County Health Division
John Meyer	All Saints Church – Resale / Community Breakfast
Norma Okonski	Oakland Hope
Kristina Ottenwess	Oakland County Health Division
Elizabeth Pare	Oakland University
Kate Rettler	Oakland County Health Division
Carla Roseman	Oakland County Health Division
Geneita Singletary	Mercy Place Clinic
Virginia Uhley	OUSB School of Medicine
Jessica Williams	Oakland County Health Division
Melissa Ann Williams	Oakland County Health Division
Kristen Wiltfang	OC Economic Development & Community Affairs
Trisha Zizumbo	Oakland County Health Division

Guests Present:

China Aquino	OLHSA
Tiffany Derasher	National Theatrical Productions
Lily Doherty	United Way Southeast Michigan
Genessa Doolittle	Oakland County Health Division
Anisha Hannah	Dare to Dream Pontiac
Carrie Hribar	Oakland County Health Division
Maureen Husek	Beaumont RO
Allison Krys-Kelley	
Marie McCormick	OLHSA
Jay Mitchell	KidzKare
Elizabeth Moon-Carter	Oakland Schools LLG
Daniel Muncey	Oakland County Health Division
Amber Naskiewicz	Beaumont Dietetic Intern
Mary Strobe	Oakland County Health Division

Danielle Todd
Scott Urquhart
Rachel Williams

Second Helping Foods
Oakland County Health Division
Gleaners

Staff Present:

Shannon Brownlee
Signa Metivier

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1. Introductions / Approval of Minutes

The regular meeting of Healthy Pontiac, We Can! was called to order by J. Lucarelli at 1:05 p.m. on May 9, 2017 at the Lighthouse of Oakland County, 46156 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, 48342.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion moved by R. Dawson to approve the minutes of March 14, 2017 as written.
Seconded by J. Kirby.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Agenda Additions

None.

3. Partner Speed Dater: James McQueen, Lighthouse of Oakland County

J. McQueen, Pantry Manager, told members Lighthouse of Oakland County runs two pantries one in Pontiac and the other in Clarkston. J. McQueen informed members Lighthouse serves community members in need. The primary need clients usually come in for is food, but Lighthouse also provides bill payments, housing, and other items such as clothing, bikes, and sometimes even bike repair. They do this through partnering with other agencies and coalitions such as HPWC. Clients can come to Lighthouse once a month, every 30 days, and collect a three day supply of food.

The Lighthouse Senior Program assists with getting fruits and vegetables once a month to Oakland County seniors identified as in need. The fruits and vegetables are delivered directly to the seniors. The senior program is the only one that delivers other clients must come to the facility. The delivery program allows Lighthouse to go into homes and assess how the seniors are doing and see if they have any other needs. Many times the delivery person is the only contact the seniors' have that week or for weeks. J. McQueen also told members they provide outings for seniors during the summer taking them to the zoo, parks, and museums.

J. McQueen told members he will be collecting food from local residences for the US Post Office's Stamp Out Hunger program on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

4. Community Food Access Strategies

Alvaro Drake-Cortes from the Philadelphia Food Trust provided information on how the Food Trust works across the country using evaluations, consultations, and interventions to change corner stores, convenience stores, neighborhood markets, and grocery stores in communities. Some areas of interventions at stores include adding healthy foods, updating equipment, changing signage, and providing technical support and training. Interventions at the corner store can include store layout, shelf placement, creating a healthy checkout, updating displays, and updating the store exterior.

Convenience store interventions include promoting drinking water, healthy snack racks, upgrading the interior and exterior lighting and healthy fresh grab and go foods.

Interventions at neighborhood and grocery stores include promoting healthy groceries, providing locally grown fruits and vegetables, enhancements and upgrades to interior

and exterior lighting, and in-store nutrition education and taste testings. Some grocery stores would also add the “Go, Slow, Whoa” traffic light materials near the healthier foods.

A. Drake-Cortez informed members the store owner has a lot to do with customer buy in. The Food Trust also helps create clinical linkages between stores and healthcare professionals and provides health education at the stores.

5. Partnership Updates

C. Hribar informed members the ECHO Assess to Care Survey is available online at oakgov.com/echo and it will also be sent out via the HPWC list serve and newsletter. They also have printed copies of the survey in English and Spanish. J. Lucarelli informed members they have OU students available to help organizations with surveying clients.

A. Hannah informed members “Dare to Dream Pontiac” is working with Unity Park on a community garden. They are also partnering with the Detroit Lions Alumni Association to host a football and cheer clinic this summer.

T. Derasher told members National Theatrical Productions helps children build self-esteem, confidence, and to master the stage through work on theatrical productions. This is their 13th year providing stage plays in the community. On Saturday, May 14th they have a free wash event at Mercedes Laundromat, across from Summit Mall, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in collaboration with QTMC a local non-profit. Children will be able to watch movies and make Mother’s Day cards at the event.

C. Roseman informed members SNAP Ed is currently providing education at the Center for Success’ after school literacy program and she is providing market education at Waldon Park’s food pantry and at All Saints Episcopal Church’s Produce Market.

J. Barley told members on June 20th Calvary Lutheran Church will celebrate its 3rd Anniversary at their orchard in Pontiac. They will be starting a neighborhood community garden in the same area.

K. James told members Friends of Pontiac Parks received two City of Pontiac Neighborhood Empowerment grants for Argyle and Optimist parks. She informed members other organizations also received grants for the parks so there are six parks that will see enhancements which include playground equipment. On July 8th at Mattie Hatchet Park, Friends of Pontiac Parks will host the “1st Annual Pontiac Parks Alive Champion Award Breakfast.” Tickets are \$35.

C. Aquino told members if they would like to be a “Meet Up and Eat Up” location in Pontiac please see her after the meeting.

6. Adjournment:

Being no further business, J. Lucarelli adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. on July 11, 2017 at the at the Resource & Crisis Center, 1200 N. Telegraph, Bldg. 32E, Pontiac.

Minutes submitted by: Signa Metivier

Approved by: Shannon Brownlee