

Meeting Minutes -
COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY HEALTH
June 15th, 2022 6:30 P.M.
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL- COMMUNITY ROOM
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APPROVED

Call Meeting to Order: Bernard called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Each member introduced themselves to the group.

Members Present: Bernard Hooper, Charles (Charlie) Starkman, Annemarie Diakow

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Teresa Jergovich, Molly David, Obi Ogbonnaya

Approval of Minutes: Charlie Starkman moved to approve the minutes, with Annemarie Diakow supporting the motion. The minutes from the May 2022 meeting were approved.

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

New Commissioners: Molly David and Obi Ogbonnaya introduced themselves to the group. Molly is a retired public high school teacher, while Obi works for the CDC as an epidemiologist. They shared their backgrounds and what motivated them to join the Commission.

Older Adult Resource Cards: Teresa provided the commission with a rough draft of the older adult resource card. She encouraged commission members to make any edits or corrections to the document before it is finalized. Bernard outlined the purpose of the resource cards for the new commission members. Bernard shared that he is putting together a behavioral health resource card for the larger community, and how this can be tailored to the work of the commission.

Other Resource Cards: Charlie shared updates on his progress with the food insecurity resource card and opportunities for the commission to work closer with volunteer groups in the community; specifically the Youth United event. He outlined his communication with Jodi Gross, the Director of Adult Learning and Youth Engagement at Adat Shalom Synagogue, for the group. Bernard discussed his contact with Melanie, who works at the Department of Homeland Security, as well as a local organization that packages meals that is divided into thirds, with one third of the food being sent abroad, one third being distributed within the community, and one third going to the organizations that cook and serve the food. The organization has worked within the Farmington Hills community before (Mercedes Benz). Bernard estimated the cost to be approximately \$10,000. Bernard's team at Oakland County

will provide additional support, as well. He reviewed the QR code process for new commission members.

Annemarie inquired about reaching out to Goodfellows, CARES, and Meals on Wheels for additional community contacts. Teresa explained that these resources would be included on the food insecurity resource card. Molly inquired as to how significant the food insecurity problem is in Farmington Hills. Teresa stated that the problem extends deeper within the community than most realize, noting that several hundred families receive food at local food pantries. Bernard explained that the significance of the situation was demonstrated by the city fire department coming to a recent commission meeting.

City Wide Open House: Teresa indicated that the Open House will be taking place in person this fall at the fire department. The Open House is held in September and typically lasts from 9 AM to 3 PM. Commissioners are expected to volunteer two hours of their time for this event. Bernard clarified that commissioners will wear their name tags and a T-shirt. Teresa described the other organizations that have tables at the event. There is a possibility that the event might fall before the commission's September meeting.

Member Comments/Announcements: Teresa announced that there is a veteran's resource fair on June 30th at the Veteran Resource Center in Waterford. Bernard indicated that he will be speaking at this event. Teresa suggested that the commission serve as a vendor at a veteran's event in the future if the event is held in Farmington or Farmington Hills. There is a VFW hall in Farmington, which might be a potential site for an event. Bernard suggested that the commission consider the organizations in Farmington Hills that target a specific group or community and create a resource list. Charlie discussed the possibility of linking a veteran's event to behavioral health needs. This sparked brainstorming about a potential transportation resource card to provide to the community.

Obi outlined more about the work he currently does with STDs, opioid addiction, self-harm, and harm reduction. Teresa noted that this background would be helpful if the commission were to do a Narcan training in the future. The commission would partner with Families against Narcotics (FAN) for this event. Molly shared concerns about giving Narcan out in the school setting, which other commissioners recognized. Teresa noted various venues in the community (e.g. The Hawk) where such an event could be staged.

Next Meeting: September 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: Charlie moved to adjourn the meeting, with Bernard supporting the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.