

**Meeting Minutes -**  
**COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
**March 15, 2023 6:30 P.M.**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL- COMMUNITY ROOM**  
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APPROVED

**Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call:** Charlie Starkman called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Each member shared their name and introduced themselves to the group.

**Members Present:** Charles (Charlie) Starkman, Annemarie Diakow, Obi Ogbonnaya, Jessica Schefman,

**Members Absent:** Bernard Hooper, Molly David, Eunice Jeffries,

**Others Present:** Teresa Jergovich, Leon Small, Mary Newlin

**Approval of Minutes – 2/15/23:** Jessica moved to approve the minutes, with Charlie supporting the motion. The minutes from the February 2023 meeting were approved.

**Approval of Agenda:** Charlie moved to approve the agenda for today’s meeting, with Jessica supporting the motion. The agenda for today’s meeting was approved.

**March Community Service Announcement – Eating Disorder Awareness:** The commission’s information and eating disorder resources was posted on the Farmington Public Schools website. Teresa indicated that the Catholic schools (St. Fabian, Mercy, and Our Lady of Sorrows) would not let the staff access emails with attachments from an outside source. The commission discussed potentially dropping flyers and resources off in person at the local parochial schools to maximize access. Jessica asked for clarification about how much the commission’s projects are self-directed. Hospitals and physicians’ offices were identified as other sites at which to deposit eating disorder resources.

**April Community Service Announcement:** Commissioners reviewed April’s national health observances, which include: National Minority Health, Public Health Week, STD Awareness, and World Immunization Week. The group appeared most open to National Minority Health and World Immunization Week, especially as COVID vaccines continue to be advertised and encouraged. Jessica suggested that the commission consider Alcohol Awareness Month as April’s topic; commissioners were in agreement.

**Police Safety Crime and Prevention Fair – 4/25:** Teresa provided commissioners with information on the Safety Crime and Prevention Fair. The commission was invited to participate in the event through having a booth with Files of Life available for attendees. Jessica expressed interest in bringing information on no-fault insurance to the fair, in tandem with Alcohol Awareness Month and safety issues pertaining to drunk driving. Teresa shared that she will obtain MADD and SADD information to hand out at the fair. It was suggested

that education on hoarding be included in the commission's materials, as this is intricately linked to issues of community safety.

**Commission Ability to Post Items on City's Facebook Page:** Teresa spoke with the city's communications department, who indicated that commissions could post on the city's Facebook page. They are, however, NOT allowed to create their own Facebook pages. Commissioners can determine what they would like to post in order to promote their work and events.

**Summer Events- Farmer's Market, Art on the Grand:** Commissioners were encouraged to select a date to set up a table one weekend at the market. Annemarie volunteered to contact Walt, the coordinator of the Farmer's Market. Art on the Grand is held the first week of June. Founders Festival was also discussed as a possible event for the commission to be showcased. Teresa suggested prizes and small trinkets for children and pets who attend the farmer's market. She will submit a request from the recreation department to borrow their spinner for the commission to use at the table. Bicycle safety, "Stranger Danger," car seat checks, and babysitter training were identified as potential topics that would allow for collaboration with other commissions and organizations. Of note, the commission has its existing budget until June 30, 2023.

**Coordinating with Corewell Health- Farmington Hills:** The commission was informed that Kari, who previously worked with the commission, reached out for potential collaboration. This will be discussed further at next meeting.

**Member Comments/Announcements:** None.

**Next Meeting:** The next commission meeting will be held **April 19, 2023** at 6:30 PM.

**Adjournment:** Charlie moved to adjourn the meeting, with Annemarie supporting the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.