

Meeting Minutes
COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY HEALTH
September 21, 2022 6:30 P.M.
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL- COMMUNITY ROOM
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Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call: Charlie Starkman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Each member shared their name and introduced themselves to the group.

Members Present: Charles (Charlie) Starkman, Annemarie Diakow, Molly David, Obi Ogbonnaya, Eunice Jeffries,

Members Absent: Bernard Hooper, Alexander Mott, Cheryl Patel

Others Present: Teresa Jergovich, Jessica Schefman

Approval of Minutes: Molly David moved to approve the minutes, with Charlie Starkman supporting the motion. The minutes from the June 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: Jessica Schefman introduced herself to the group. She works as a paralegal and works primarily with individuals who have been in motor vehicle accidents. She shared her background and what motivated her to join the Commission.

Older Adult, Mental Health, and Food Insecurity Resource Cards: Teresa provided an update on the resource cards, specifically that the QR code is in the process of being added to the Older Adult resource card. It is uncertain whether the Mental Health and Food Insecurity cards will be ready by the City Wide Open House. Molly shared her experience at a recent Area Agency of Aging meeting and indicated potential resources to be added to the Older Adult Resource Card. SmartFlex is another possibility to be added to the resource card.

Charlie indicated that the Youth United event went well, although the commission was unable to provide funding. Teresa reviewed the policy for disbursing funds. Annemarie indicated that the commission plans to add CARES and Meals on Wheels to the food insecurity resource card. Eunice discussed the Dental Hygiene Clinic at the Highland Lakes OCC campus as a resource to add to the resource cards. The commission discussed the link between poor oral hygiene and other adverse health outcomes (e.g., cardiovascular disease). Teresa indicated that commission members should submit different mental health resources.

Commission T-Shirts: Teresa used this opportunity to discuss name tags for the new commission members. As Bernard was absent from today's meeting, this topic will be tabled until next meeting.

City Wide Open House: Teresa indicated that the Open House will be taking place in person Saturday, October 8th. The Open House is held in September and typically lasts from 12 PM to 3 PM. At least two commissioners are expected to attend for at least one hour. The commission will have a booth at the event and will provide the community with resources. This is a great opportunity for the commission to bring our mission to the public and encourage community members to look into joining the commission. Teresa requested that commissioners let her know their availability to volunteer.

Other Commission Events: Eunice shared that on October 3rd at 6 PM, a hearing on cannabis dispensaries in Farmington Hills will take place during the city council meeting. Another meeting will be held the following day, potentially for public comment. She also shared that Beaumont decided to redirect funding to another city commission, which is frustrating to longtime members of this commission. Eunice indicated she will communicate with the other commission to determine how we can rebuild the relationship with Beaumont for funding and collaboration purposes. Molly brought up the idea of a flu shot clinic for next year, which Teresa stated could potentially be held at The Hawk, Costick Center, Longacre, or Grant Center. Jessica brought up the possibility of a lecture or seminar on health insurance and the changes to auto insurance as a result of the no-fault policy, to be held in the spring. The commission discussed the ending of coverage for telehealth appointments under Medicare and Medicaid and how this impacts disadvantaged individuals with regards to access. Charlie revisited Youth United and the commission getting involved with the event next summer.

Member Comments/Announcements: The commission discussed attendance for the city council meeting on cannabis dispensaries, as this is likely important for the commission to have a better awareness of the issue. Teresa handed out information on the SAFE (Suicide Awareness for Everyone) Mental Health Resource Fair, which is taking place on October 12th at City Hall. Teresa suggested that the commission present at this resource fair next year.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: Charlie moved to adjourn the meeting, with Molly supporting the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.