

Healthy Nashville Leadership Council



February 1, 2017
Lentz Public Health Center Board Room
1:00 – 2:30 pm
Minutes

<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ted Cornelius	Xyzeidria D. Ensley
Carol Etherington	Adam Will
Elisa Friedman (Vice-Chair)	
John Harkey	
Arthur Lee	
Erica Mitchell	
Sandra Moore	
Freida Outlaw (Chair)	
Janie Parmley	
Bill Paul	
Laura Hansen (EO)	Dinah Gregory
Julius Witherspoon – Proxy for Renee Pratt (EO)	Tommy Lynch (EO)
Anita McCaig (EO)	Keith Stephens – Proxy for Mike Hagar (EO)

Guests Present

Robert Johnson, Walk/Bike Nashville
David Wells, YMCA

Sidney Wilson, Nashville Health
Caroline Young, NashvilleHealth

MPHD Staff Present

Amanda Ables
Tracy Buck

Carol Cowart
Tom Sharp

Welcome and Updates

Freida Outlaw called the meeting to order and welcomed the Council. She quoted something she had read this week: “Do you think in the box, out of the box, or as if there is no box.” The 2013 MAPP Vision was read aloud in unison. As there was a quorum, the motion was made to accept the August and November 2016 minutes. The motion passed.

Updates from the CHIP Working Groups

Mental Health & Emotional Work Group

Frieda Outlaw addressed the Council, stating they met in November and formed a relationship with Judge Calloway. One of the members of her staff will join the work group. Judge Calloway addressed the challenges of Juvenile Court in a Tennessean article on January 29, 2017. Everyone on this work group is a member of one of the ACE work groups.

Health Equity Work Group

Elisa Friedman spoke about working with the Nashville Health Disparities Coalition and collaborating with them regarding health equity education. They partner with churches and

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Matthew Walker, along with other agencies. An intern prepared a one-page document on health equity in Nashville, attaching examples.

CHEN (Community Health Education Network) consists of non-profit or for profit organizations in healthcare. Nashville's group, including the Nashville Health Disparities Coalition, Meharry Vanderbilt Alliance, TN State Department of Health, Meharry Hospital, and Nashville General, are planning a health seminar on April 8, 2017. The idea is to bring together congregational leaders from North Nashville to talk about social determinants, look at assets, and see how larger congregations can help build the capacity for smaller congregations to engage in health and justice determinants.

Bill Paul mentioned that on the Tennessean's front page today was an article by Holly Fletcher referencing CHEN: "Report says counties' health, wealth 'perfectly correlated'".

Active Transportation

John Harkey commented that the Planning Department/ Mayor's Office received a grant that will fund three employees, including an administrator, on July 1, 2017. John has several projects in the works such as a Meharry employee survey, a TSU downtown campus employee survey, and possible Meharry/ Nashville General Hospital walking paths in North Nashville that tie into greenways using students as guides.

In addition, he has been thinking about the problem of employees who can't afford to live near their places of work. He is wondering if workers' housing could be built on land near these places of employment that is either donated or provided at a low cost by large employees such as Metro or Centennial.

2017 Healthy Nashville Summit Update

Amanda Ables reminded the HNLC about the 2017 Healthy Nashville Summit. It will be on Friday, April 28, 2017 (8:30 am – 3:30 pm) at last year's venue – Trevecca Community Church, focusing on "Nurturing Healthy Brains for a Thriving Community". Last year, we introduced ACEs to the community and this year we want to build on the science and show success stories and community-based practices.

- Amanda has been lining up speakers for the breakout sessions.
- We have invited Deputy Governor Henry to introduce our keynote speaker, Dr. Renee Boynton-Jarrett from Boston Med/Boston University.
- Amanda has also contacted Trauma Smart Head Start Group in Missouri, which is a Robert Wood Johnson funded project. One of the breakout sessions might focus on their program. Nashville would like to partner with them and we hope Mayor Barry will be present for that introduction.
- As our lunchtime speakers, we are talking to a youth panel that could focus their talk on the movie "Resilience" which will be shown at the Belcourt Theater on April 6th.
- Dr. Mary E Crnabori from Metro Schools will conduct a breakout session regarding "Applications for Education".

Freida reminded the Council that people may hear about a new process and think that it's interesting – and that's as far as it goes. With the assistance of a school principal, Dr. Crnabori

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provided content by explaining the ACEs at one Metro School. That process alone made quite a difference to the school staff by seeing their students in a new light. Many Summit attendees are teachers, practitioners of many types including clinical practitioners, and others that could visualize the difference ACEs can make in a child's development. For example, RWJ approached a daycare that taught the workers to be trauma informed and immediately there was a huge change in the way the children were perceived.

Community Health Assessment Planning

Tracy Buck stated that groundwork for the next Community Health Assessment is being laid. The plan is to have a core team which will consist of Saint Thomas and Vanderbilt hospitals, MPH, Matthew Walker, Neighborhood Health, and University Community Health, and Metro Social Services. This group will develop the assessment process. They will spend 2017 developing its progression so the assessment can be completed in 2018 (the last assessment took nine months). They will then begin to invite other organizations such as Metro General Hospital and Meharry, who are non-profits, to help identify what else might be missing from the team. The teams' thoughts will expand from "what do we need to do" to "what would we like to do". Robert Wood Johnson gathered data on 500 cities, with Nashville being one. After the 500 Cities data is released, it will be available on HealthyNashville.org. Epi data will be included. Dr. Qualls-Hampton is the new Epidemiology Director and is taking charge of that data. It was suggested she should be invited to the next HNLC meeting.

Discussion Surrounding ACA Repeal and Replace

Carol Etherington questioned whether the Council should take any position on the ACA Repeal and Replace process. She asked those at the table to state, if possible, the position or action they or their organization is planning to take.

- Arthur Lee said we need a strong statement about the ideals that the ACA stood for. Also, a strong statement on how politicalized the repeal is. What we are doing now is uninformed.
- Robert Johnson's concern was that ACA funded a lot of health preventative measures and what does the repeal mean to those? What is the practical impact of the monies lost?
- Bill Paul replied that there could be loss of insurance coverage which saves lives, as well as financial ruin for those forced to pay for medical bills or new insurance coverage. A lot of prevention and public health funds have turned into political footballs. How much community funding is still there after the ACA is repealed? 13% of CDC's budget was tied to the ACA which was funneled to preventive health items such as immunizations, lead poisoning, among others.
- Tom Sharp acquired a copy of a letter from Dr. Dreyzehner, Director of TN Public Health Department, addressed to Senator Alexander where he explains that, for Tennessee, one-half of our children receive immunizations through the fund, along with health care associated with infections, emerging effects of diseases such as Ebola, reducing childhood lead poisoning, and the Preventative Health grant fund which covers rape and sexual abuse assistance along with the Tobacco Quitline, the poison hotline, diabetes prevention efforts, food safety, home visiting including Well Baby visits, pregnancy abstinence education, HIV funding, and so much more.

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- Freida Outlaw believes that, without the ACA, mental and substance abuse will not be considered essential services. Each state may be given a block grant and it will be up to a commission to determine how the money is to be allocated.
- Elisa Friedman said that Vanderbilt has a strong stance but she is not sure the Alliance has weighed in on it.
- Dr. Paul stated there should be basic community protection.
- Laura Hanson stated that the loss of ACA will affect children in school. She supports a “This is what has been funded” statement. She believes that the impact on public health has not been brought to the front for people to understand and they need to be educated.
- Tom Sharp will research to see what portion of the ACA comes to the Health Department, to Nashville, and to Davidson County.

Today’s point – what is our group to do? Statements? Actions? Take a stand? Put a face and story out as to what actual people are losing with the loss of the ACA? Or maybe a story to show how much the repeal will affect the State of Tennessee? Could the Board of Health present a local picture to the city/state? This discussion will be continued at a later date.

Other Business

As a reminder, anyone with interesting/relevant items that would be useful to the Council should send them to Amanda Ables at amanda.ables@nashville.gov to be disseminated between meetings.

Our next meeting will be April 5, 2017 at Lentz Public Health Center.