

## Nashville Health & Wellbeing Leadership Council

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Webex

1pm - 2pm

Present	Absent
Sanmi Areola	Freida Outlaw
Al Brady	Charlotte Peacock (notice-proxy assigned)
Haley Davidson	Renee Pratt
Tené Franklin	
Elisa Friedman	
Sarah Goodrich	
Vickie Harris	
Khalela Hatchett	
John Keys	
Kim Molnar	
Sandra Moore	
Mary Kate Mouser	
Robert Robinson	
Mark Yancy	
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Ex Officio Members	
Anita McCaig	Robbie Luckett for Diana Alarcon (with notice)
Randall Miller, Jr. for Monique Odom	Catherine Knowles
Curtis Thomas	Sharon Suggs

### Backbone/Facilitators Present

Tracy Buck- Metro Public Health

Jeff Wamble-Metro Social Services

### Community Members' Present

Lindsay Baker

Annie Paraison

Elessia Bignall

Daryl Hill

Jacqueline Dalton

Carleigh Frazier

Brad Cathey

Koby Langner-NDOT-co-presenter

Calah Gipson-Walk Bilke Nashville-co-presenter

### MPHD Staff Present

Kebera Leach

Isaac Mendez

### Welcome

Chair Robert Robinson welcomed the attendees to the April 15 meeting of the Nashville Health & Well-being Leadership Council (NHWLC).

### **March meeting minutes approval\***

With a quorum of voting members in attendance, Chair Robert Robinson asked for a motion to approve the March 18, 2025 meeting minutes (attached). The motion was made by Haley Davidson and seconded by John Keys. Motion was approved.



NHWLC March 2025  
Minutes .pdf

### **Approval of Stated Agenda\***

Chair Robert Robinson asked for a motion to approve the stated agenda. The motion to adopt the stated agenda was made by John Keys and seconded by Elisa Friedman. Motion was approved to accept the stated agenda.

### **Old Business**

- **Update on development of NHWLC communication plan**

Chair Robert Robinson asked for an update from the Ad Hoc committee. Carleigh Frazier, Ad Hoc Committee member, provided an update from the committee. The communications plan contains mechanisms for engagement of stakeholders, community members, and government agencies through various campaigns. The plan includes timelines and metrics for success. All final materials will be available on the NHWLC SharePoint site for members to access.

This month's update focuses on the development of the first one-pager (attached) that was shared during [Public Health Week](#)-Thursday, April 10 themed Advocacy Starts Here: Amplifying Voices for Public Health. A few members shared document edits in the chat which will be shared with the Ad Hoc committee. The document will be shared following the meeting for additional member feedback. The committee will continue to develop materials that will be shared with the members for feedback. The committee intends to share the full outreach plan during the May meeting with further discussion at the June in-person meeting.

Chair Robinson thanked the committee for development of the plan and tools stating that the one-pager is a great step forward for the NHWLC and begins answering the call for more intentional engagement.



NHWLC one pager  
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- **2026-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan Development process\***

Chair Robert Robinson asked for an update. Tracy Buck reminded the members that at the March meeting the template was presented for review and discussion. It was suggested that one or more of the CHIP Workgroups pilot the template in an upcoming meeting to determine additional edits to the form. The Food Access/Food Insecurity WG was the only WG that participated in a deep dive review. The WG reviewed the template form and discussed each component in the document. They discussed the purpose of the CHIP, how the document will be used and by whom. The CHIP is a living document that can be changed and updated as needed by the NHWLC. The posted document is static and does not change in real time. Overall, they recommend simplification of the template. They made the following recommendations that are included in the attached document:

- Key milestones and CHIP synergies are internal discussion points for the NHWLC and the CHIP working groups.
- Recommend that these sections be removed from the document as they will be captured in the CHIP Evaluation document.

There is work being done on the development of a public space for sharing updates on the CHIP Evaluation. More will be shared as that site becomes available.

The revised CHIP template will be shared with the members after the April meeting for review prior to the May meeting.



2026-2028 CHIP  
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- **Update on Healthy Built Environment Grant Letter of Intent (LOI) submission**

Chair Robert Robinson asked for an update on the LOI submission. Annie Paraison, a member of the Food Access/Food Insecurity WG, and Vickie Harris provided the update. After further review of the LOI requirements, the decision was made to forgo submission of the LOI because several required elements were not sufficiently available by the April 15 due date. A sample of requirements that were found to cause difficulty included:

- Lack of a specific location for the submitted project; the idea had not been fully fleshed out with community buy-in that would meet the need for the project to be available to the public 24/7.
- The pursuit of Phase B funding, which was approved by the NHWLC, did not allow for planning in the timeframe. Phase B was designed for building infrastructure.

The decision of the group was to not table the ideas but to build on them and to find an aligned funding source that would support the planning and the identification of the locations in North Nashville where the container farming or urban hydroponic farming would be welcomed and embraced.

## **New Business**

- **Nashville Opens Streets Program**

Chair Robert Robinson opened the floor to Koby Langner, the Community Engagement Specialist with the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure (NDOT). He was joined by Cahal Gipson, the Open Streets Coordinator with Walk Bike Nashville (WBN). They provided a brief update or introduction for the Open Streets program that is a partnership between NDOT and Walk Bike Nashville. This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Open Streets Program in Nashville. They are launching this program to make open streets more accessible to neighborhoods across Nashville. The program will use some existing processes, such as block party permits that allow neighborhoods to apply to have a block party on their streets. It's a community building opportunity; it brings neighbors together by reallocating public space in a safe way that's conducive to public safety and public health. One program aspect includes elimination of the permit fee for block parties. The program will offer a checkout system for signs. Community members will be able to come to the NDOT warehouse to borrow the signs that they need to shut down the street, so they don't have to rent or go through a traffic control company. NDOT has created a simple traffic control plan that removes the need for development

by a professional engineer to figure out what they need to do to shut down the streets. It allows residents to park their cars at the entrance of the streets and put out the approved signage.

The Open Streets Program provides the opportunity and the importance of the community that is built through block parties through the various open streets experiences that have been held in Nashville.

Those participants share how it's a great way to explore your neighborhoods safely without cars driving down quickly. Kids can learn how to ride bikes and meet neighbors.

The toolkit that is being developed as part of this Open Streets program is a very simple breakdown for neighbors to understand both the importance of open streets, the history, the potential uses, and it also explains the various permitting aspects. The toolkit also includes basic community engagement information and resources. The link to the toolkit will be shared with members once available.

The Nashville Open Streets Program launch is expected within the next month. Questions for Koby and Calah can be shared via email at [Koby.langner@nashville.gov](mailto:Koby.langner@nashville.gov) and [calah@walkbikenashville.org](mailto:calah@walkbikenashville.org)

### **Announcements and Adjourn**

No announcements were offered by the members.

The next meeting of the Nashville Health & Well-being Leadership Council will be held on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025, via Webex**. With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned.