



Nashville Health & Wellbeing Leadership Council

Minutes April 21, 2026

Madison Community Center

550 N. Dupont Ave

Madison, TN 37115

1 pm – 3 pm

Present	Absent
Sanmi Areola-proxy assigned, Kristen Zac	Haley Davidson
Al Brady	Vickie Harris
Tené Franklin	Khalela Hatchett
Elisa Friedman- proxy assigned, Carleigh Frazier	Paigean Jones
Sarah Goodrich	Sandra Moore
John Keys	Mark Yancy
Kim Molnar	
Mary Kate Mouser-proxy assigned, Elessia Bignall	
Charlotte Peacock	
Renee Pratt- proxy assigned, Jeff Wamble	
Robert Robinson	
Amy Neff	
Ex Officio Members	
Anita McCaig	Catherine Knowles
	Randall Miller, Jr. for Monique Odom
	Sharon Suggs
	Sheronda Wilson for Curtis Thomas

Backbone/Facilitators Present

Jeff Wamble-Metro Social Services

Community Members' Present

Andrea Prince	Travis Miller	Elessia Bignall
Carleigh Frazier	Jake Lorber	David Han
Daryl Hill	Hasina Mohyuddin	

MPHD Staff Present

Kiana Radney

Welcome

Chair Robert Robinson welcomed the attendees to the April 21 meeting of the Nashville Health & Well-being Leadership Council (NHWLC). The meeting was moved to the Madison Community Center due to the unavailability of meeting space at the Lentz Public Health Center on this date.

March meeting minutes approval*

With a quorum of voting members in attendance, Chair Robert Robinson requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026, meeting (link below). The motion was made by John Keys and seconded by Tené Franklin. Motion was approved.

<https://www.nashville.gov/sites/default/files/2026-05/NHWLC-March-17-2026-Minutes.pdf?ct=1781023018>

Approval of the Stated Agenda*

Chair Robert Robinson asked for a motion to approve the stated agenda. The motion to adopt the agenda as presented (link below) was made by John Keys and seconded by Carleigh Frazier. Motion was approved.

<https://www.nashville.gov/sites/default/files/2026-04/NHWLC Agenda-DRAFT-04-21-2026.pdf?ct=1781022745>

Old Business

- **Introduction of new NHWLC member Amy Neff**

Chair Robert Robertson introduced the newly appointed NHWLC member, Dr. Amy Neff. Dr. Neff shared her background and was welcomed by the NHWLC members.

- **2026-2028 CHIP Update**

At the March NHWLC meeting, the council heard from all workgroups except for Housing. Travis Miller, Andrea Prince, and Daryl Hill were there to speak about the housing work plan. The work plan addresses Objective 1.1: Create a comprehensive health & housing analysis through a collaborative data and mapping working group.

The presentation was designed to answer specific questions from the March meeting:

1. *Who are the organizations involved in this work plan?* The organizations involved include Metro Planning Housing Division, Rebuilding Together Nashville, Affordable Housing Resources, MNPS, TSU Urban and Community Research Center, a community member with Barnes Fund experience, and 2 NHWLC members.
2. *What is the frame for the work product?* The work group wants a collective understanding of the intersection of health and housing. This analysis creates a baseline of shared knowledge because we haven't looked at health and housing together. This report will assist with the execution phase for the other 3 housing objectives.
3. *What questions will this analysis answer?* The foundation model from UHS 4C – conditions (housing quality), cost (affordability), consistency(residential stability), and context (neighborhood opportunity) will be used in this analysis. This analysis will use existing data from sources such as census data and expand from the Unified Housing Strategy (UHS). The report will guide facilitating conversations with healthcare organizations and will include data on vulnerable populations and income-restricted housing.

Additional questions/suggestions raised by NHWLC members:

- *Looking at assets- where resources are available and where good work is being done.* Yes, the work group will look at both strengths and weaknesses; look at regional data as well, and examples of other work
- *Can NHWLC have a list of organizations involved?* [answer after the meeting: yes, Tracy will prepare a listing of all the workgroup members]
- *Is there a person from the Health Department in the group?* Kristen to talk about who would be the best person, possibly someone from the Epi group
- *Look at this data to meet other goals* – can also overlap with other CHIP issues and objectives

[2026-2028 Nashville Community Health Improvement Plan \(CHIP\)](#)

The CHIP work plans will be posted on the new webpage.

- **Review of the 2023-2025 CHIP Final Report**

Members reviewed and discussed the current version of the 2023-2025 CHIP Final Report and the associated communications plan. An updated version of the report will be shared with members before the May meeting.

Discussion on the report included:

- Tene – Aha moment from board retreat – MPHD not familiar with CHIP – also include Metro department heads
- Community organizations may use this for advocacy. This may be an opportunity to collaborate with community organizations
- Include appendices and other data
- Alfred asked for an action item around reviewing the report and sending comments

Recommended updates to the communication plan include:

- Add Press release with date added
- Need to create the one-pager for the report
- Add Metro department heads as an audience

New Business

- Kiana Radley, Preventive Health Strategist with the MPHD, gave a presentation on Hydroponics, discussing case studies and system overview. The presentation will be available to members on the SharePoint site.
 - Brief case study of hydroponics – visit farms and build shared understanding before sharing with the community.
 - Looked at the difference between hydroponics and aeroponics
 - Comparison table is for reference – but also depends on human/software resources, not just upfront cost, but also about staffing, software, and other capacity
 - Tower Garden -can grow many different things – strawberries, cantaloupes, leafy greens
 - Other systems are more just leafy greens

- Varies considerably – look at case studies – some have a workforce development piece; others are more high-end
 - Shared the agenda for a community session – want it to be very interactive
 - Key takeaways – no single system meets all goals

Chair Robert Robinson thanked Kiana for this presentation. There is lots of energy around hydroponics, and Kim added that the intersection with the workforce was also important. Kim asked if the audience also included farmers. The June 18 date may have to be pushed back since many of the presenters are unavailable on that date. NHWLC members will be invited to the event.

- David Han from Vanderbilt gave a presentation on the Vanderbilt American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative (ALCSI). The presentation will be available to members on the SharePoint site.
 - VUMC wanted to share their initiatives and to see what connections are possible
 - ALCSI is a 501(c)(3). There are 100 chapters nationally, one at VU and Lipscomb
 - They want to be able to go to the broader community – health fairs
 - Proclamations from Mayor O’Connell – November is Lung Cancer Awareness month
 - Lung Cancer incidence in population; leading cause of death in the US by a lot
 - Lung cancer is screened later than other cancers
 - Screening can decrease mortality by 24% in males, 33% in females
 - Low-dose CT scan is the gold standard – do have to do annually
 - Only 5.7% of the high-risk population gets screened: cost, access, limited awareness, safety of screening
 - Looked at the guidelines for screening

Several members offered suggestions for collaborations and expressed appreciation to David for coming from Vandy. Chair Robert Robinson thanked David for this presentation.

Action Items Review

Task/Activity	Responsible Person	Deadline	Output/Outcome
Reviewing the 2023-2025 CHIP Final Report and sending comments	NHWLC members	May 30th	Feedback should be sent to Tracy Buck before May 30, 2026
List of all organizations involved in the CHIP Housing work group	Tracy Buck	May 19, 2026	List of all 2026-2028 CHIP Workgroup members

Announcements

- Ascension Saint Thomas Medical Mission-Saturday, May 9th – has a social media kit – Nashville Fairgrounds
- Greater Nashville Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance – look at housing and health; event in person – Friday, April 24th – 11:30 am
- Engagement café for Cancer research - April 30th – Vanderbilt Lung Cancer Symposium – in May Robert requested information to be sent to him/Jeff/Tracy

The next meeting of the Nashville Health & Well-being Leadership Council will be held virtually on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**. With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned.