

The Community Advisory Committee (“CAC”)
Community Input Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Held Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

Location: 2700 East 18th Street, Kansas Room, Suite 208, Kansas City, Missouri 64127

Community Input Committee Members in Attendance:

Terry Trafton, Chair
Mary Ann Arnott
Nozella Brown, Ed.D.
David Clark
Susan Mills-Gray (telephone)

Community Input Committee Members not in Attendance:

Thomas Alber
Thuylinh Pham, M.D. (notified prior to meeting of inability to attend)
Melissa Robinson
Kelvin Walls, M.D.

Additional Health Care Foundation (HCF) Associates in Attendance:

Rhonda Holman, Vice President/COO
Victoria McNack, Administrative Assistant

Guests in Attendance:

None

Terry Trafton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Discussion of Public Health Director Interviews: Chair Trafton described his recent correspondence with Marlene Nagel, director of the Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) Community Development Department. The majority of public health director interviews have been completed and a compilation of the directors’ responses will be sent to Ms. Nagel in order to give her insight on the upcoming forum. A variety of themes have surfaced within these interviews; the committee hopes that Ms. Nagel will lend her expertise in deciding on a focus area as she has many years of expertise in the convening of community members and public officials alike.

Discussion of 2016 Community Health Forum: The committee is confident that there is a pre-established meeting to which they can attach the 2016 forum; however, one concern of the committee is the day on which the forum will be held. A weekday event could be beneficial for individuals who work for health departments, but it would limit who could attend from more distant counties such as Cass and Allen, and it would be an attendance barrier for consumers who could not take time away from work. Nozella Brown, Ed.D. reminded the committee of the target audience – public health professionals in the area – in which case a weekday morning may be the better option available at this time. While there are pre-set public health meetings each month, the public health directors typically do not attend the second of the two monthly gatherings. Chair Trafton stated that a special effort must be made to gain their attendance at the forum.

The committee discussed potential speakers for this forum and the various public health events that are taking place in 2016. Chair Trafton informed the committee of his goal to arrange a call with Ms. Nagel and Ms. Holman in order to determine a specific date for the forum, then the committee will have more concrete information on which to develop a program.

While it may not be feasible to have a high number of attendees at a weekday event, Ms. Holman provided the idea of recording the event in order to broadcast it to a larger audience at a later time. In this way the community could have more involvement and there would be less pressure to create one event that fits the time and location demands of such a diverse cross-section of the community. Ms. Holman plans to speak with Jennifer Sykes, the Communications Officer at HCF, about whether or not KCUR, KCPT and other media groups that offer health-related programming would have an interest in this type of forum. Susan Mills-Gray also has a connection to media agencies and hopes to discuss this forum with representatives from those stations about the upcoming program.

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes: Dr. Brown moved to approve the Minutes from two previous meetings: November 12, 2015 and December 7, 2015. Ms. Mills-Gray seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

The next CAC Community Input Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.