

**The Community Advisory Committee (“CAC”)  
Minutes of Meeting  
Held Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.**

Location: 2700 East 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Jonas Board Room, Suite 211, Kansas City, Missouri 64127

**CAC Members in Attendance:**

Terry Thompson, Chair  
Thomas Alber  
Mary Ann Arnott  
Dee Ann Bowles  
Nozella Brown, Ed.D.  
Cindy Chang, M.D.  
Art Chaudry  
John Cottrell  
Niki Donawa  
Mike Enos

Melissa Harmon  
Aaron Link  
Siobhan McLaughlin-Lesley  
Josephine Njoroge  
Thuylinh Pham, M.D.  
Alan Powell, M.D.  
Melissa Robinson  
Terry Trafton  
LaShawn Walker

**CAC Members not in Attendance:**

David Clark  
Susan Mills-Gray (notified prior to meeting of inability to attend)  
Mary Jo Moore (notified prior of inability to attend)  
Dan Shea (notified prior to meeting of inability to attend)  
Kelvin Walls, M.D.

**Health Care Foundation (HCF) Associates in Attendance:**

Bridget McCandless, M.D., President/CEO  
Victoria McNack, Administrative Assistant

**Guests in Attendance:**

None

**Terry Thompson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. and thanked Melissa Harmon, Vice-Chair, for leading the previous CAC meeting in March.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Alan Powell, M.D. motioned to approve the Minutes from the previous CAC meeting held on Thursday, March 10, 2016. Melissa Harmon seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

**Introduction of New CAC Members:** The CAC is proud to welcome new members: LaShawn Walker, Art Chaudry, Cindy Chang, M.D., and Siobhan McLaughlin Lesley. These members introduced themselves to the other CAC directors and answered questions from the committee.

**Recognition of Outgoing CAC Member:** David Clark's final term on the CAC is ending in July of this year. Although Mr. Clark was unable to attend today's meeting, Chair Thompson thanked him for his many years of dedicated service to this board.

**Community Update:**

- 1) Melissa Robinson – City of Kansas City, Missouri  
Community Health Improvement plan is in the process of making action plans. Community members are invited to the Health Commission meeting on June 3, 2016 to discuss the Community Health Improvement Plan. This plan's focus is social determinants of health and the city is currently in the process of gathering health advisors to monitor the program. May is national Asthma Awareness month and the Black Health Care Coalition (BHCC) is sponsoring free asthma screenings on Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Gregg/Klice Community Center. Please see the BHCC website for more event details.
- 2) Tom Alber – City of Kansas City, Missouri  
Unfortunately, Connect Cass is no longer an active organization and community leaders are unsure of what organization will fill that void. In addition to Mr. Alber's update, Bridget McCandless, M.D. reminded committee members that rural representation – particularly from Cass County – is of utmost importance on HCF Board of Directors.
- 3) Niki Lee Donawa – City of Kansas City, Missouri  
Truman Medical Center (TMC) has a new partnership with the Linwood YMCA; TMC plans to construct a health clinic within the YMCA that will ideally be open for business by the end of 2017.
- 4) Mary Ann – City of Iola, Kansas  
Several communities in Southeast Kansas have begun the rigorous undertaking of a vocational-technology education program. Ray Maloney is spearheading this project and has already secured the support of three school districts and two community colleges. Ideally the first classes will be offered this fall; subjects include small engine repair, construction, brick laying, welding, nursing classes, and cosmetology.  
Groundbreaking has begun at the site of the former Allen County Hospital. A new housing complex of 12 apartments will be built at this location in the heart of town. Future phases of this project include building more housing units as well as a new grocery store.  
Thanks in part to HCF, another project in Allen County was recently finished: A 50,000-pound bridge was moved into place to connect an 8-miles section of rail trails to the other trails in the area. This project is part of the Lehigh Portland Trails project.
- 5) LaShawn Walker – Jackson County, Missouri  
In an effort to raise awareness about Special Olympics Missouri, more than 50 local law enforcement officers will participate in a run on Friday, May 13 beginning at the Lee's Summit Police Department.
- 6) Dee Ann Bowles – Mayor of Lee's Summit, Missouri  
Lee's Summit leaders and community members are still working through the issues surrounding

Superintendent McGehee and the Board of Education. Ms. Bowles will provide updates accordingly.

Cabela's plans to open a new store in Lee's Summit by Fall 2017.

Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation is building a new amphitheater in Legacy Park; its inaugural concert will feature Tate Stevens on May 21, 2016 .

- 7) Melissa Harmon – Johnson County, Kansas  
The Alliance for A Healthy Kansas is a new coalition to promote Medicaid expansion in Kansas
- 8) Terry Thompson – City of Lexington, Missouri  
A mobile dental clinic is currently serving children in Lafayette County thanks, in part, to HCF. Lafayette County is currently experiencing two negative health outcomes for children: 1) This county has the highest rates of child tobacco use in the state and 2) Adolescent mental health services are not readily available. Chair Thompson iterated the importance of communication and education in the communities surrounding these issues.
- 9) Nozella Brown, Ed.D. – City of Kansas City, Kansas/Wyandotte County  
One year ago in March -- in addition to the Healthy Communities Wyandotte Initiative – Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas partnered with the Growing Foods Connection to develop policies and programs to improve food insecurity. These organizations have been working together to connect everyone within the food access chain (i.e. community members with farmers); stakeholders have been interviewed and policy change is likely on its way.
- 10) Terry Trafton – City of Independence, Missouri  
Drumm Farm hosts a farmers' market on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings; the food is raised on the farm with the assistance of foster children and the families who live there. This famers' marker is located on Lee's Summit Road, north of highway 70.  
Hillcrest Ministries provides transitional housing for families and services to assist the families in regaining solidarity. On Saturday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m., Hillcrest is sponsoring the Super Hero 5K Run/Walk for the homeless. This event will take place at Unity Village.
- 11) Aaron Link – Johnson County, Kansas  
A new WIC (Women, Infant, and Children) garden recently opened to offer healthier foods to women and children in Mission, Kansas.  
Mission's city council is considering an ordinance to put the same standards and restrictions on e-cigarettes as with other tobacco and nicotine-delivery products.  
Approximately 26,000 Johnson County residents enrolled in the marketplace program for the Affordable Care Act.
- 12) Thuylinh Pham, MD – City of Independence, Missouri  
The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is recommending that all children be screened for food insecurity. 1 in 4 children in Missouri are food insecure and Children's Mercy Hospital created a hunger task force to address this issue.  
Dr. Pham hopes to screen all children who visit her in the urgent care facility regarding food access. With so many children suffering from food insecurity, it is important to consider the children on free and reduced lunches at school who may not get to eat lunch regularly during

the summer. Independence and Blue Springs school districts both have a large number of children in this category.

13) Mike Enos – City of Kansas City, Missouri

Child Protection Center (CPC) – the only child advocacy center for Jackson and Cass counties -- provides investigative interviews with children who have been abused. The CPC will host a “Cook for Courage” fundraiser on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. Chefs will prepare a barbecue dinner and their dishes will be judged by a local celebrity panel, including Jackson County Executive Frank White.

14) Siobhan McLaughlin Lesley – City of Kansas City, Missouri

An upcoming event entitled “Urban Plunge” will provide free health and dental screenings for individuals ages 4 through 104. This event is funded by Cerner’s First Hand Foundation and the Medical Missions Foundation.

**Community Input Committee Report:** The Community Input Committee has been working to develop a campaign in the HCF service area regarding a “Life without public health”. Terry Trafton, Chair, reminded attendees of the sub-committee’s original plan to do a half-day or day-long forum on the importance of public health; however, the committee decided that creating a video would be a more efficient way to spread the word to larger groups of people via television, YouTube, or the individual health department websites. This committee is still in the midst of planning this campaign.

The Community Input Committee plans to host two listening sessions this fall – one rural and one urban -- with elderly populations. Many older adult-oriented programs and organizations do not seek funding from HCF, so the group would like to gather input from this important community subset in order to help improve health outcomes. Please let Mr. Trafton know of organizations with whom this committee could partner in order to facilitate these listening sessions.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Dee Ann Bowles, Chair, briefly informed the group of the Nominating Committee’s annual duties. This sub-committee’s first meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, June 2 at 1:00 p.m.

**Review Committee Report:** Mike Enos, Chair, informed new CAC members that the annual review is an opportunity to objectively report the Foundation’s activity over the past year and assess its alignment with the Foundation’s mission. The Review Committee’s portion of the report is a preface for the HCF report. This sub-committee’s next meeting is on Friday, June 20 at 10:00 a.m.

**Report from the President/CEO:** Dr. McCandless provided an update to committee members surrounding the many topics of interest in the community:

- Missouri is the only state without a prescription drug monitoring program. While many state officials are pushing for the implementation of such a program, one senator remains reluctant to offer support.
- KC Metro area is a regional hub for the Tobacco 21 effort; one million people will soon be covered by the recent Tobacco 21 ordinances in local communities.
- Two upcoming tobacco tax proposals were designed with revenue in mind, not the health of the community. The Foundation has released a statement opposing both tax proposals due to their

likely minimal public health impact. Multiple organizations and companies have revoked their sponsorship of these proposals; it is vitally important to educate community members on the misinformation this bill provides. Both initiatives have taken tobacco money.

- The Child Services Tax is a sales tax to raise money for youth mental health services. Jackson and Clay counties are voting independently on the implementation of this tax which has the potential to generate \$40 million of mental health services to communities.
- HCF is exploring a move to a new facility in the old Westport Middle School building which is currently being revitalized by BNIM Architects. The building has been unoccupied for 10 years and will be redeveloped as a healthy campus and a co-working space for small companies and non-profits.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Announcements:** Board/CAC Reception to be held on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at Mosaic Ultra Lounge in Kansas City's Power & Light District. This event will begin at 4:30 p.m. Committee members are encouraged to check their emails for invitation details and RSVP online.

Ms. Njoroge informed the committee of an upcoming Mass Incarceration Symposium on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. at The Village Presbyterian Church. Panelists include Sean O'Brien, attorney and professor of law at UMKC, Reverend Wallace Hartsfield II, pastor at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist church, and many more.

Ms. Robinson noted that the Kansas Chapter of Empower Missouri will host its annual dinner at the Holiday Inn on the plaza on May 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Julie Ancel, Director of the Institute of Labor Kansas City Worker Justice Center, is the keynote speaker.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.**

**The next meeting of the CAC will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.**