

**The Community Advisory Committee (“CAC”)
Minutes of Meeting
Held Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.**

Location: Pioneer Campus of Metropolitan Community College, 2700 East 18th Street, Jonas Board Room, Suite 211, Kansas City, Missouri 64127

Committee Members in attendance:

Terry Thompson, Chair
Thomas Albert
Mary Ann Arnott
Dee Ann Bowles
Nozella Brown, Ed.D.
David Clark
LaTedra Collins
Melissa Berg Harmon
Susan Mills-Gray
Josephine Njoroge
Thuylinh Pham, M.D.
Alan Powell, M.D.
Terry Trafton
Kelvin Walls, M.D.

Committee Member not in attendance:

Niki Donawa (attempted to connect via telephone)
David (Mike) Enos
Leslie A. Fields, M.D.
Jill Kanatzar
Mary Jo Moore (notified prior to meeting of inability to attend)
Melissa Robinson (notified prior to meeting of inability to attend)
Daniel Shea
Shani Tate

HCF Board Members and staff in attendance:

Bridget McCandless, MD, President/CEO
Jessica Hembree, Policy Program Officer
Rhonda Holman, Vice President/COO
Keonna Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
Tracy Skidgel, Manager Administrative Services/Executive Assistant

On the 14th day of May, 2015 at 1:00 p.m., at the Pioneer Campus of Metropolitan Community Colleges, 2700 East 18th Street, Jonas Board Room, Suite 211, Kansas City, Missouri, was held the meeting of The Community Advisory Committee (“CAC”), a Missouri not-for-profit corporation.

The CAC 2015 Annual Photo was taken in advance of the meeting.

Terry Thompson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

Approval of March 12, 2015 and April 9, 2015 CAC Meeting Minutes – Melissa Harmon made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2015 and April 9, 2015 CAC meetings. Alan Powell, M.D. seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ratify CAC Committee Members – A listing of the 2015 committee membership was included for review. Chair Thompson entertained a motion to approve the composition of the 2015 CAC Committees. **David Clark made a motion to approve the 2015 CAC Committees. Dee Ann Bowles seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

CAC Introduction – Chair Thompson introduced Susan Mills-Gray, appointed by the Mayor of Harrisonville, Missouri to her first CAC meeting. Ms. Mills-Gray shared that she is representing Harrisonville, Missouri in Cass County where she has lived for 22 years. Ms. Mills-Gray is a Professor for UMKC extension division, and is a nutrition and health specialist. Ms. Mills-Gray and her husband have five children and live South of Harrisonville on a 120 acre farm where they have cattle and chickens. She has 33 years of service with the University of Missouri. Ms. Mills-Gray is very familiar with the Foundation and has worked on Cass County Project with the Foundation and knows Brenda Calvin very well. Ms. Mills-Gray shared that she appreciated the opportunity to serve the CAC in this capacity.

Community Update – CAC members were asked to share updates regarding their communities. Thomas Alber, stated he had nothing new to report. Susan Mills-Gray shared that she has served on the free dental clinic with the Cass County Dental Clinic (Cass County Health Foundation) which provides free dental services to individuals between the ages of 0-20. They are currently expanding to a second location in Harrisonville, Missouri. Thuylinh Pham, M.D. shared that the Children’s Mercy South Imaging Center is now open. David Clark shared that Belton is facing the same issues including the lack of dental providers as well as the lack of adequate transportation. The biggest need in Belton is adult dental services. Mary Ann Arnott shared that in Allen County is very hopeful as someone has expressed an interest in putting a grocery store in lola in the location of the old hospital. If successful they will demolish the old hospital and build a new grocery store that will serve the entire county. There are lots of people in Allen County that have to travel a long distance to get groceries.

Nozella Brown of Wyandotte County reported that the Mayor has implemented a 2014 initiative and they are excited to see some of it happening. The Infrastructure Team is working on the 2020 campaign bike lanes, sidewalks and they have begun to see bike trails. The Education Action Team is already working on campaign 1,2,3,4,5 Fitastic message implementing across the county. Convened groups to bring together food pantries to come to and learn about resources available to them. Many didn’t know that education was in place. Also, the Communications Team is working on the marketing aspects of many of the initiatives. The Health Services Team is reviewing the infant mortality rates, which are very high in Wyandotte County and going throughout the community to get their review and recommendations together. Also working at enrolling new people in the Insurance Marketplace. The Tobacco Cessation Action Team has been working on ways that they can apply for grants to reduce tobacco usage in Wyandotte county. Pretty excited that have an efforts across the board and are coming together, meeting together, and working together strategically. Good leadership.

Josephine Njoroge shared that there are lots of things going on in Kansas City Police Department. They have held town meetings. This weekend will host a community bike event and then a community function on Troost. Ms. Njoroge shared that there are some things that are not going on from Jefferson City, such as we will not have Medicaid expansion approved for another year. The Lions Club that provided glasses to children is no longer in existence in Kansas City. If you know of free eye exam please let her know.

LaTetra Collins shared that Lee's Summit is a very large City with approximately 65 square miles and is celebrating its 150th birthday in 2015. Lee's Summit Tech just passed a \$40 Million no-tax increase bond issue that will enable the school district to build its own Summit Technology Academy/Missouri Innovation Campus. Through collaboration with the University of Central Missouri they will construct and operate a shared facility. Through this collaboration additional nursing, engineer and high tech instruction will be made available. Very good thing for kids that have met their high school credentials and is a terrific opportunity for students to spend half a day at their home high school and half day at Summit Tech.

Melissa Harmon of Johnson County shared that there have been no more active cases reported regarding the tuberculosis scare in Olathe. Same problem in Kansas as it is not looking to promising for expanding Medicaid and the legislature has voted to reduce the lifetime number of months available for TANF benefits for low-income families. Will put more pressure on food pantries as well as other organizations that provide emergency funding.

Terry Thompson from Lexington, Missouri shared that many years ago when he was first appointed to the HCF Board he became aware that mental health services always gets cut. Chair Thompson stated that he serves on a children's services board and the mental health needs for children are unbelievable. Increasing issues with meth and lack of transportation in rural communities. Chair Thompson also mentioned the two events held recently. The May 7th Thank You picnic/celebration was fantastic. Finally, the Board/CAC Reception was very positive for those that attended.

Terry Trafton with Truman Medical Center ("TMC") represents Independence, Missouri. Announced that TMC has partnered with the Independence School District to begin work on mental health issues. The counselor now in place at Van Horn will be really great with children and families and has addiction counselling experience too. They are working with the Department of Health and MO HealthNet to amend the regulations to allow for billing of school counseling. Currently students have to be signed out of the school and still in school and sign back into class creating a barrier for services. Could not get an amendment to the budget this year. The Missouri Budget ended up with increase in funding for case services for mental health, addiction and developmental disabilities. Legislators are very engaged in micromanaging with the Department so we will see what happens next year.

Dr. McCandless shared that adult dental services were reinstated in Medicaid. Very encouraged that we are recognizing oral health. Now we just have to find dentists that will take it Medicaid which can be challenging because of the low reimbursement rate.

Review Committee Report – Alan Powell, Chair of the Review Committee stated that the 2014 Performance Report is a work in progress. Dr. Powell met with Brent Schondelmeyer and Bridget McCandless last week. Draft No. 1 was worked on and a couple of other items were added following discussions. FYI -- Mr. Schondelmeyer has had some work issues conflicting with preparation of the report. We should have a solid final draft by month-end and then to CAC and go from there.

Community Input Committee Report -- Terry Trafton, Chair of the Community Input Committee thanked everyone that participated in their first meeting where they had lots of engaged conversation about where we should seek input in the community. The Committee targeted three areas to focus on: 1) Youth small groups. Targeted several different groups, Generation Rap radio show participants, Ivanhoe, Wyandotte school groups, Mayor James' Youth Advisory Council, and youth advisors at TMC. 2) Johnson County -- Over the last several years most of the counties have had opportunities to speak to the Foundation about their areas and the needs. Johnson County is on the last remaining county to seek input. We are looking at August to target areas in Johnson County for community input. Homelessness

and poverty on the rise in Johnson County as well as other potential issues regarding access. And, 3) Public Health Fall Forum – little larger roundtable discussion to be held in October or November. Working to identify the target audience for that. Terry Trafton happy to hear any input on these suggestions. The Community Input Committee will have a Telephonic Meeting next. The question was asked “Any Latino youth included in the youth group?” No, none were specifically identified – but perhaps Guadalupe Center. Josephine Njoroge offered to help. El Centro and Saint Sabina Church in Belton as well.

Nominating Committee Report – Dee Ann Bowles, Chair of the Nominating Committee shared that the Nominating Committee will be meeting June 9, 2015 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. to review applicants and the process. The Committee will be reviewing the interview questions as in previous years there has been a bit of redundancy in the questions. The Committee will interview candidates on October 6th and 8th. Hopefully will have additional information for the next meeting. Board nominee applications will be available July 1st with a due date of August 31st. The elections will be held at the December 9, 2015 HCF Board meeting. This is the first year for the compressed schedule of Board elections. CAC members were encouraged to thinking about potential new Board members. The CAC will need to advance a slate of nominees with no fewer than 14 and no more than 21 nominees.

Presentation – Medicaid Expansion – What that means for us? -- Jessica Hembree, Policy/Program Officer shared the presentation “What Medicaid Expansion is and why it means so much for us.” Due to the Supreme Court decision challenging of the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act (“ACA”) Medicaid expansion is optional. Probably the worst thing that verdict could have done for Missouri and Kansas and we have had 3 years with that on our plate. Ms. Hembree directed committee members to the infographics at the table for their review.

For clarification, Medicaid is for people who are low income. Medicare is for people over 65. The ACA changed the way people became eligible for Medicaid. Feds have requested each state increase eligibility levels up to 138% of Federal poverty level. In Kansas you are only eligible if you make less than 30% of federal poverty level and for family of 4 you must earn less than \$7,155 per year to qualify. Very low earning. In Missouri you must earn less than \$4,200 per year. Luckily, both states have been generous for children.

Medicaid was established in 1964. First person to sign up was Harry Truman. Been around a long time. Feds have held up their end of the bargain.

In the system we have right now, people between 100-400 FPL can get subsidized insurance through the Marketplace. However, there is a big group in middle that does not qualify. That group does not make enough for the Marketplace and too much for Medicaid. The Federal government has made it very easy to opt in to Medicaid, covering 100% of the costs for the first three years. The federal share will fade out after this year. About 300,000 MO and 170,000 in KS could benefit from Medicaid expansion.

Political overview – Medicaid expansion has not been passed in either state. In KS the governor has never come out with a position either for or against. Two sessions ago the legislature passed legislation prohibiting Gov. Brownback from expanding Medicaid by executive order. Advocates are trying to get rid of the legislation that forbids executive action. Medicaid expansion received a hearing in Kansas this session and it went well. Dr. McCandless attended. In Kansas, Medicaid expansion moved very quietly and one thing working to advantage of Medicaid expansion in Kansas is that the state has already transitioned its system to KanCare. While that has had a lot of impact on consumers, it also makes Medicaid’s path forward a little less political since reform has already happened in Kansas.

Just this week the Kansas Attorney General joined Florida in a lawsuit against HHS. The feds will not re-up LIP funds and Florida is asserting that this is coercion.

In Missouri this is not a good year for Medicaid expansion. The Missouri conversation is about reform and how are we going to fix Medicaid. There is a lot of great collaboration in Missouri and we are really thrilled with advocacy activities. Everyone is at the table, it is just not going anywhere.

Missouri Medicaid had a very antiquated platform and needed to upgrade their electronic system. Legislature dug their heels on appropriating funds to update the system. When it came out it was a screeching horrible mess. Enrollment was disastrous using that system. Added fuel to fire and if you can't enroll without Medicaid expansion cannot do it with. Subsequently they have tested, revised and the system is working better. However, it is very hard to undo the message. Enrolling is going much better and smoother.

How much has the state of Missouri lost? Approximately \$2.7 billion would have been contributed annually. Almost \$9 billion dollars lost in 3 years they haven't passed Medicaid expansion.

Cigarette tax coming back in Missouri -- Two different groups in public space. Both are looking at November 2016 ballot. HCF has not yet taken a position. Watching to see if winnable and public health impact involved. One is really low amount and phasing in over a period of time. Took an aggressive stance last time and came close. Hoping next time it will pass.

CAC members thanked Ms. Hembree for her presentation.

Old Business –

- ✓ **CAC Contributions** -- In February we mailed out letters requesting contributions. The CAC is a 501(c)(3) organization and maintains its own business expenses with a budget of \$5,000 to \$6,000 each year. Last year we raised \$5,200 in contributions. Chair Thompson encouraged everyone to participate stating the amount is totally up to you. However, there is a maximum of \$200. Chair Thompson shared that he would like to say that all CAC and Board members participated. It is not just the current CAC and Board member but include previous CAC and Board members.
- ✓ **2015 Conflict of Interest/Attestation & Statement of Personal Interests** – Attestations were provided to those members that needed to complete. Please complete and return to Tracy Skidgel. This is very important.

New Business – None.

Announcement – Josephine Njoroge shared that the Missouri Association for Social Workers (“MASW”) Encounter Missouri annual dinner will be held May 28th. The topic will be “Health and Wealth a Privilege or Right?” and Tex Sampler will be the keynote speaker. Please let Ms. Njoroge know if you would like to attend. The cost is \$40 for great program. Ms. Njoroge will provide the information to Tracy and she will forward to members.

Josephine Njoroge made a motion to adjourn. LeTedra Collins seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The next meeting of The Community Advisory Committee will be July 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.