

**The Community Advisory Committee (“CAC”)
Minutes of Meeting
Held Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.**

Location: 2700 East 18th 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.
Niki Lee Donawa
Leslie Fields, M.D. via teleconference
Melissa B. Harmon
Jill Kanatzar via teleconference

Susan Mills-Gray
Mary Jo Moore via teleconference
Josephine Njoroge
Thuylinh Pham, M.D.
Daniel Shea
Shani Tate via teleconference
Terry Trafton
Aaron Link

CAC Members not in Attendance:

David Clark
David Michael Enos
Alan Powell, M.D.
Melissa Robinson, M.B.A.
Kelvin Walls, M.D.

Health Care Foundation (HCF) Associates in Attendance:

Bridget McCandless, M.D., President/CEO
Rhonda Holman, Vice-President/COO
Victoria McNack, Administrative Assistant

Guests in Attendance:

None

Terry Thompson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and announced that we had a quorum.

Approval of September 10, 2015 Minutes: Josephine Njoroge motioned to approve the minutes from the previous CAC meeting, Melissa Harmon seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Thompson took a moment to introduce the newest appointee to the CAC, Aaron Link, who told the Committee about his professional career and family. There remains one current CAC opening for Kansas City, Missouri.

Election of CAC Secretary and Assistant Secretary: In the previous meeting, there had been a motion to elect Nozella Brown as Secretary and Dr. Bridget McCandless as the Assistant Secretary, but the vote was postponed due to the lack of a quorum. Chair Thompson opened the floor for discussion and a motion. Ms. Njoroge motioned to elect Ms. Brown and Dr. McCandless as Secretary and Assistant

Secretary, respectively. Susan Mills-Gray seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Review of Proposed By-law Revisions: As with the election of secretary, the formal approval of the By-law revisions could only take place with a quorum. Ms. Njoroge motioned to approve the changes discussed in the previous CAC meeting; Dee Ann Bowles seconded and the motioned was approved by unanimous roll call voice vote.

Approval of First Amended Supporting Organization Agreement: Chair Thompson deferred to Dr. McCandless to review the relationship between the CAC and the Health Care Foundation as expressed in the Supporting Organization Agreement. The only modification made was to delete the line regarding financial support of the Foundation to the CAC. Our counsel has advised us that this is not a necessary provision. Niki Lee Donawa motioned to accept this change, Melissa Harmon seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Community Updates: CAC members provided updates regarding their communities.

- 1) Nozella Brown – City of Kansas City, Kansas
There have been many things happening in Kansas City, Kansas, but one of the most notable issues was cost prohibition on farmers’ markets. The city has agreed to reduce these costs in order that more communities may have farmers’ markets in the area. Also, there will be open enrollment for the Wyandotte Health Initiative on November 14th from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- 2) Mary Ann Arnott – City of Iola, Kansas
The 8th Annual Thrive Dinner will take place next Friday, November 20th, and will highlight the great work that has been happening in Allen County. A walkability expert, Mark Fenton, performed two community walkthroughs which led to the development of two new initiatives: 1) To improve trails and sidewalks in order to encourage students to bike or walk to school more often and 2) To connect the current bike trails to downtown. Also, demolition of the hospital is in process, but a new grocery store and housing will be built in its place. There are two new, young physicians joining the community and Allen County Community Foundation has just hired their new director.
- 3) Niki Lee Donawa – City of Kansas City, Missouri
Truman Medical Center just finished their week-long venture with The Joint Commission; Truman associates feel good about the visit and received positive feedback regarding patient care, quality of services, and use of technology. Regarding the English as a Second Language (ESL) group, there is a new wellness program in place to provide support for health needs. They recently bussed members of the group to Overland Park where they participated in free eye exams and those who need glasses will soon be receiving them.
- 4) Terry Trafton – City of Independence, Missouri
The Independence School District (ISD) is adding greater capacity for counselors in schools, specifically on-site counseling services. Van Horn High School has one on-site counselor who visits once a week. John Trammel, the ISD Director of Family Services and Caring Communities, will soon be leaving that position and individuals in the social services field are encouraged to apply. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is now funding grants and Kimberly Brown, the new regional administrator, has been appointed.

Missouri was one of 24 states selected to move forward with the SAMSHA application which will work to revamp the mental health system design; Senator Blunt and his team are working to add more states to this group.

- 5) Bridget McCandless, M.D.
There is a crisis stabilization center being established in Kansas City; this center will provide sobering services, acute stabilization of mental health needs, etc. and will continue to evolve over the next few years.
- 6) Terry Thompson – City of Lexington, Missouri
The Lexington Board of Commissioners has been working to bring more attention to mental health. Mental health patients are too frequently incarcerated as opposed to receiving the services which would most benefit themselves and the community. Also, with the pending election of HCF Board nominees in December, it is important to remember that more rural representation is needed on the HCF Board of Directors.
- 7) Melissa Harmon – Johnson County, Kansas
There is some positive movement to expand Medicaid in Kansas, however the House Speaker recently removed three moderate republicans with health care backgrounds from the House Health and Human Services Committee which oversees this decision.
- 8) Josephine Njoroge – City of Kansas City, Missouri
Ms. Njoroge reminded the committee to read about HCF in all the communications Jennifer Sykes, Communications Officer, disseminates.
- 9) Dee Ann Bowles – City of Lee’s Summit, Missouri
Lee’s Summit recently celebrated its 150th birthday.
- 10) Susan Mills-Gray – City of Harrisonville, Missouri
The Omega Trail in Harrisonville has been cleared and a new activity called “Mile Mondays” has begun in which families are encouraged to walk one mile together each Monday. The Farmers Market has now approved the use of EBT to purchase food products. The Cass County Dental Coalition now has a site to serve children covered by Medicare. Cass Regional Medical Center added two orthopedic surgeons and had a successful 5K run called “Grin and Bear It” which seems to grow in participation each year.
- 11) Daniel Shea – City of Kansas City, Missouri
Kansas City Health Department is certified in mental health first aid and now Mr. Shea is teaching it. Heroes Home Gate, an organization similar to Benilde Hall, has beds specifically for veterans. There is a meeting this evening, November 12th, with the National Association of Social Work to discuss mental health concerns.
- 12) Thuylinh Pham, M.D. – City of Independence, Missouri
Dr. Pham emphatically encourages everyone to get a flu shot. There is a special election to select a new House Representative for Independence, but they still do not have a Senator representing that district.

- 13) Mary Jo Moore – City of Independence, Missouri
The City of Independence voted not to increase utility rates.

Review Committee Report: Dr. McCandless reported in Alan Powell's stead stating that the final report will soon be posted on the HCF website.

Community Input Committee Report: Terry Trafton, Chair of the Community Input Committee, explained the two listening sessions for area youth: a rural group on the Missouri side and an urban group on the Kansas side. Ms. Mills-Gray briefed the CAC on the findings of the first listening session at Archie High School in Archie, Missouri. Ms. Brown will take the lead on the second session at F.L. Schlagle High School in Kansas City, Kansas at the end of November.

Mr. Trafton informed the committee of the Community Health Forum scheduled for spring 2016. The Community Input Committee is in the process of finalizing interview questions for local health directors; the themes of their responses will be used to determine a topic and date for the forum.

Nominating Committee Report: Dee Ann Bowles, Chair of the Nominating Committee, discussed the withdrawal of Martha Baird from the nominating process and presented the slate of 15 candidates to be nominated.

Ms. Mills-Gray motioned to submit a slate of less than 16 nominees to the Board. Ms. Harmon seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Donawa motioned to approve the slate of 15 Board candidates. Ms. Njoroge seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Njoroge motioned to fill the Board position of recently-resigned Board member Gena Clouch through the current nominating process. Mr. Trafton seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Update on Tobacco 21: Dr. McCandless updated the committee on the progress and successes of the Tobacco 21 initiative stating that the strategy for implementation is to gain support among municipalities. Endorsement forms are available if you or your organization wish to support Tobacco 21.

Old Business:

- ✓ **CAC Contributions:** We are still accepting contributions from current and former CAC members.
- ✓ **2015 Conflict of Interest/Attestation & Statement of Personal Interests:** Please complete the 2015 attestation if you have not already done so.

New Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

The next meeting of The Community Advisory Committee will be held via teleconference on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in order to ratify the slate of newly elected Board members.