

The Health Care Foundation
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Minutes of the Meeting Held
Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

CAC Members in Attendance: Niki Donawa, Chair; Art Chaudry; Mike Enos; Glenna Garcia; Aaron Link; Siobhan McLaughlin-Lesley; Susan Mills-Gray (telephone); Lisa Peek; Dan Shea; Carey Spain; Tenia Strother; Terry Trafton

CAC Members Unable to Attend: Dee Ann Bowles (with notice); Nozella Brown (with notice); Brian Geary (with notice); Mary Jo Moore (with notice); Thuylinh Pham; Dan Shea (with notice); Yulonda Swanson-Moten (with notice); Terry Thompson

HCF Associates in Attendance: Paula Cornwell; Karen Dehais; Bridget McCandless; Susan Richardson; Karol Shadle

Additional Attendees: Victoria McNack, Contractor (telephone)

Call to Order

Niki Donawa, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and welcomed Karol Shadle, Governance Coordinator for the Health Care Foundation, and the Carey Spain, recently appointed CAC member. Ms. Spain lives in Lee's Summit, works for Children's Mercy Hospital, and has been a social worker for over 20 years.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mike Enos made a motion to approve September 13, 2018 meeting minutes. Lana Perry-McKinney seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Siobhan McLaughlin-Lesley made a motion to approve October 8, 2018 teleconference minutes. Terry Trafton seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Report of the Chair

CAC Vacancy Update

The Community Advisory Committee currently has two openings, one for Johnson County and the other for Kansas City, Missouri. Request letters have been distributed to the appointing authorities. At year-end, the CAC will have one additional vacancy for Lafayette County. Current members were encouraged to recommend residents of their communities to serve on the committee; however, the appointing authorities (mayors, county executives, etc.) have the final say in who is appointed/re-appointed to serve.

Approval of 2019 Officer Slate

Chair Donawa presented the slate of recommended CAC officers for 2019: Terry Trafton, Chair; Siobhan McLaughlin-Lesley, Vice Chair; Art Chaudry, Treasurer; and Lisa Peek, Secretary.

Lana Perry-McKinney made a motion to approve the recommended slate of 2019 CAC officers. Damon Daniel seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of 2019 Committee Assignments

Chair Donawa presented the final recommendation for 2019 committee assignments. It is the goal of leadership for all committee members to feel comfortable in their role and committee responsibilities. Anyone who wishes to serve on a different committee from that assigned was encouraged to discuss the change with Chair Donawa or Paula Cornwell.

Siobhan McLaughlin-Lesley made a motion to approve 2019 committee assignments as presented. Damon Daniel seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

CAC Contribution Reminder

Chair Donawa reminded committee members to make their contribution to the CAC before the end of the year. This is an annual contribution which allows the CAC to meet its public support requirement per IRS standards. There is no minimum contribution limit, and members can visit the Health Care Foundation's website to donate online.

Recognition of Outgoing Members

While not present at today's meeting, Chair Donawa recognized the outgoing CAC members: Terry Thompson of Lexington, John Cottrell of Kansas City, and Dee Ann Bowles of Lee's Summit. They will be formally recognized at the board/CAC reception in August 2019.

2019 Meeting Schedule and CAC Photo

Chair Donawa reminded committee members that these quarterly CAC meetings were adjusted to begin at 11:30 a.m. in 2019 with lunch provided. Any questions about the calendar or 2019 meeting schedule can be directed to Paula Cornwell or Karol Shadle. The first meeting of the year in March will also be photo day for the group photo and individual portraits. A reminder will be provided in advance, but committee members were encouraged to make note and dress accordingly for the photo that day.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The CAC met via teleconference on October 8th to approve the recommended slate of 14 board nominees after the Nominating Committee held two full days on interviews in early October. Since approving the slate, one nominee withdrew from consideration. Today, the CAC voted to ratify the telephonic approval of the recommended slate of board nominees with the knowledge that one candidate withdrew from the process.

Niki Donawa made a motion to ratify the slate of now 13 nominees as previously approved via teleconference on October 8th. Tenia Strother seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Paula Cornwell reminded committee members that the final board interviews will take place on December 12th. The CAC will convene via teleconference at 1:00 p.m. the following day – Thursday, December 13th – to ratify the board’s election results.

Report of the Community Input Committee

Mike Enos, 2019 chair of the Community Input Committee, recently met with staff to discuss the role of the Input Committee and to institutionalize a replicable and defined process for the committee’s future work. It was determined that the committee ought to conduct input sessions, three per year on a rolling two-year basis, beginning with Johnson, Wyandotte, and Allen Counties in 2019.

These input sessions will be less formal than the dialogue project conducted in 2017. These meetings will consist of 15-25 stakeholders in each community with a pre-session survey in which participants can distinguish key issues for each respective county. The survey results will then serve as a facilitation guide for the sessions; subsequently, the topics and discussion will provide documented input on an ongoing basis to be reported back to the CAC, board, and staff. Mr. Enos and foundation leadership are still in the design phase of this project, and the goal will be to also include members of the communication and evaluation teams of the Health Care Foundation to ensure that the work is being done in an effective and useful manner.

In order to get a jumpstart on planning, Mr. Enos proposed a committee meeting be held on December 4th at 3:00 p.m. A Doodle poll was distributed to 2019 Input Committee members, and this was determined to be the best date and time for those involved. Additional information will be shared with the CAC as the project develops.

Report of the Review Committee

Susan Mills-Gray, 2019 chair of the Review Committee, recently met with Paula Cornwell to discuss the past challenges and future goals of the Review Committee and develop a plan of action. Ms. Mills-Gray gratefully acknowledged current committee chair Aaron Link for his leadership throughout the review process over the past couple years. Because the Review Committee’s work is very time-intensive during the first half of each year, Ms. Mills-Gray recommended that committee members begin reviewing their assigned committee’s meeting minutes as soon as possible; she presented the assignments as listed below:

- Damon Daniel to review Governance Committee and Audit Committee
- Carey Spain to review Administration and Logistics Committee (and matters pertaining to the permanent home)
- Mary Jo Moore to review Executive Committee
- Art Chaudry to review Finance and Investment Committee
- Lisa Peek to review Program and Grants Committee
- Susan Mills-Gray and Thuylinh Pham to review the full board

Additionally, former committee members noted the usefulness of attending a committee meeting of the board in advance of writing the annual review in order to see the process and discussion first-hand. A list of upcoming board/committee meetings was provided for those who may be interested in attending. The

minutes review template will be provided electronically to serve as a tool during the review and writing process. The goal of the Review Committee is to read and study the written collection of business of the Health Care Foundation of the previous year and assess its success in advancing the mission.

The first meeting of the Review Committee is scheduled to take place on Thursday, January 31st at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Mills-Gray recently became aware of a conflict with this date and proposed it be moved to Friday, January 25th at 1:00 p.m. Staff agreed to send a note to committee members to confirm that this revised date and time would work for their schedules.

Report of the Vice President

Ms. Cornwell ceded her time to Karen Dehais, Learning and Evaluation Officer, to provide an update on the evaluation work taking place at the Health Care Foundation and throughout the community. Ms. Dehais is a new staff member and is the second member of the evaluation team. As a part of her recent assignments, she has reviewed the various community health needs assessments drafted by agencies and hospitals throughout the Health Care Foundation's service area. Ms. Dehais provided a rich and robust discussion of the various topics that arose in each assessment. Key points were as follows:

- While each public health department and hospital is required to conduct community needs assessment, each agency uses its own methodology which impacts the final results.
- Across 19 assessments reviewed, the top needs include access, chronic disease, mental health, maternal health, along with social determinants of health (education, employment, housing, violence, etc.)
- One over-arching theme was the assessment that vulnerable populations have disproportionately worse health outcomes.
- Community health improvement plans are the natural next step for agencies after reviewing the issues at hand and then state a position and plan as to how the organization will address those issues.

After the presentation, discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- Cancer as a chronic illness
- Zip code-level data
- Defining mental health and narrowing the focus (such as teasing apart the issues of suicide, addictive disorders, etc.) and various populations' experiences and needs related to mental health (i.e. adolescents versus isolated seniors)
- Ongoing partnerships to continue in-depth evaluation work.

Community Update

Nozella Brown, Ed.D. – *City of Kansas City, Kansas/Wyandotte County*

Mayor Sly James is working to address the issue of commercial sexual exploitation in Kansas City. A group of stakeholders convened to begin working on solutions and set priorities to be passed on to the next mayor. One specific challenge is that of sexually exploited children's access to care; typically, a child cannot enter a health center to receive treatment or assessment without a guardian's consent. This makes it more challenging for children to receive care, and therefore one immediate need discussed was that of creating a crisis center for children. More information will be shared in the future.

Dr. Seth Hunter received the agitator award at the recent health convention. This award is given to community members who ask the challenging, yet necessary, questions to really get to the roots of problems throughout the community.

Terry Trafton – *City of Independence, Missouri*

The former Independence Health Department is still in the process of restructuring and distributing some of its functions to the Jackson County Health Department. Mr. Trafton recently visited with the latter which conducted a flu shot clinic. The department has more than doubled the number of clinics and requests, many of which are overlapping with Kansas City. Mr. Trafton urged those who have reservations against flu shots to reconsider.

There has been additional movement in coverage of key services for Independence, but there is opportunity for more. Mr. Trafton visited with Mary Jo Moore and Thuylinh Pham, all CAC representatives of Independence, to discuss what can be done to bring more awareness and action to the potential issues and needs at hand. They are continuing to monitor the situation and will make the committee aware of pertinent topics. Mr. Trafton encouraged committee members to also share any additional information related to this topic as well.

Opioid addiction and treatment are getting national attention, and Missouri has been receiving more funding to deal with the issue. Kansas City will be implementing an opioid response program for emergency rooms based on a model out of St. Louis. Responders are specially trained in opioid crisis intervention and will be on staff and deployed to emergency rooms when an overdose or opioid-related situation arises. The program will involve six hospitals in the region, and five peers in the pool of interventionists will be able to respond to the emergency rooms within 60 minutes. CommCare is a partner in this program and more information will be shared as the program develops.

Art Chaudry – *Jackson County, Missouri*

Mr. Chaudry addressed three pertinent topics out of Jackson County. First, there have been two deaths resulting from West Nile virus and the health department plans to engage in public education to inform the community about the issue. Secondly, opportunities were identified to advance prevention, prioritize strategies and activities, and build relationships among Jackson County and other health departments. Lastly, the prescription drug monitoring program has been moved to the prosecutor's office and away from the health department. No additional information has been provided as to why this adjustment was made, but Mr. Chaudry will continue to monitor to situation and report specifics back to the committee.

Aaron Link – *Johnson County, Kansas*

Mr. Link shared information related to school-based health services and the ways in which schools are becoming providers. In August, there was a big push to add providers to schools to address mental health and violence issues. The Shawnee Mission School District is looking to add an overdose drug for nurses to deliver in such crisis situations.

Glenna Garcia – City of Iola, Kansas/Allen County

The county is in its planning stages for the health grant and the process involves members of law enforcement, social services, education, health providers, etc. throughout the community.

The hospital in Fort Scott recently closed, and the city of Iola is waiting to see what kind of impact this has on services and residents in the area. On a positive note, over the past nine years the uninsured rate has decreased from 21% to 9%. Additionally, the community continues to expand biking and walking trails throughout the area.

THRIVE Allen County is currently seeking a director of development to primarily conduct grants and program design. Ms. Garcia encouraged committee members to pass this job opportunity along to qualified potential candidates.

Siobhan McLaughlin-Lesley – City of Kansas City, Missouri

As Executive Director of Gilda’s Club, Ms. McLaughlin-Lesley shared that the highest cause of death in Wyandotte County is cancer. This has to do with many factors, including access to care and culture. Gilda’s Club does not have a presence in that county, but through recent and developing partnerships with El Centro, Southwest, Vibrant Health, and others, a new opportunity is emerging to provide bilingual support and educational services to those affected by cancer. The Coalition of Hispanic Women Against Cancer is winding down, and Gilda’s Club was also asked to continue conducting those support groups instead. The organization is well-poised for that work and Ms. McLaughlin-Lesley is excited about the opportunities at hand.

Additionally, Gilda’s Club held its first Facebook livestream of an educational event on the topic of immunotherapy. This video will be stored on the website for people to access later, and the livestream and digital files allow more people to have access to the information without having to attend the workshop in-person.

Mike Enos – City of Kansas City, Missouri

The World AIDS Day Community Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 28th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Plexpod Westport Commons. The keynote speaker will be Bruce Richman, founding Executive Director of Prevention Access Campaign.

Carey Spain – City of Lee’s Summit, Missouri

Ms. Spain visited with superintendents throughout Johnson County and the issue of suicide is one of the top priorities. The districts saw 15 suicides over the past year and launched a recent campaign called #ZeroReasonsWhy. The idea is that there are zero reasons why someone should not ask for help, and there are zero reasons why the community should not be talking about this issue.

Ms. Spain also noted that 75% of area teens are vaping which is the newest form of nicotine delivery that is appealing to young people.

Bridget McCandless, President/CEO of the Health Care Foundation

The official brand launch will take place on November 14th at Lydia's at 9:00 a.m. In terms of rebranding, this organization is not a foundation that only supports health care or the greater Kansas City area. After intensive branding work, the foundation looks forward to making the new name and logo public and begin identifying itself in the more recognizable and representative way that reflects the true nature of its work.

Kansas City had a 67% voter turnout for the Midterm elections. Dr. McCandless noted that civic engagement is a determinant of health and that being engaged in one's community is important to quality of life and health. During the Midterms, three states that had Medicaid expansion ballot initiatives voted to approve Medicaid expansion; these states include Nebraska, Idaho, and Utah. Montana was the fourth state that presented Medicaid expansion on the ballot, but it was paired with a moderate tobacco tax increase which caused Big Tobacco to present great opposition to the cause and it ultimately failed. After seeing these results, Missouri has a great possibility for similar outcomes and is now in the exploratory phase of conducting a ballot initiative for Medicaid expansion in the coming years. This has been a policy/advocacy focus of the Health Care Foundation for about six years, and while Medicaid expansion will continued to be pursued in both Missouri and Kansas, it appears that Missouri is the state in which the most immediate traction is being made.

Dr. McCandless thanked Niki Donawa for her leadership over the past two years as chair of the Community Advisory Committee.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Victoria McNack.

Reviewed and approved by Paula Cornwell

Reviewed and approved by Niki Donawa, Chair 1.17.19