

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Group: Community Health Council			
Date: 04/07/16, 8:00 am to 9:45 am			
Attendees	<p>Members present: Ellen Zavisca (Chair), Senior Transportation Planner, Regional Transportation Planning Organization Capt. Eve Thomas (Chair-elect), Internal Affairs, Knoxville Police Department Kindall Aaron, Coordinator, Childhood Obesity Coalition (ETCH) Dr. Martha Buchanan, Director, Knox County Health Department Jim Dickson, President & CEO, YMCA of East Tennessee Lara Fleming, Operations Officer & Director of HR, The Trust Company Pam Frye, Chief Program Officer & Adoption Services Director, Harmony Family Center Viren Lalka, Partner, Lalka Tax Services, LLC Dr. Laurie Meschke, Associate Professor, University of Tennessee Dept of Public Health Dr. Joe Miles, Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee Department of Psychology Lisa Wagoner, Supervisor of Health Services, Knox County Schools Carlos Yunsan, attorney, Kizer & Black, PLLC</p> <p>Other/Guests: Claudia Geary, MPH student, UT Jamie Glover, MPH student, UT Erin Read, Together Healthy Knox Coordinator, Knox County Health Dept Dr. Charles Sims, University of Tennessee Pierce Story, Capacity Strategies Cori Sweet, MPH student, UT</p>		
Recorder	Name: Erin Read, Knox County Health Department		
TOPIC	Discussion	ACTION or Follow up	WHO
1. Speaker: economic impact of the Urban Wilderness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Charles Sims with UT's Baker Center for Public Policy provided an overview of a study he recently completed on the economic impact of the Urban Wilderness. • The report is available at bakercenter.utk.edu. 		
2. Approve minutes from Mar. meeting	<p>Key discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes to minutes. <p>Decisions made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve: Jim Dickson • Second: Carlos Yunsan • Minutes approved unanimously. 		
3. Letter of support for UT for NIH grant	<p>Decisions made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Laurie Meschke presented a letter of support issued by the Executive Committee on behalf of the CHC for UT's application for an NIH planning grant around opioid abuse and NAS. • Motion to approve: Jim Dickson • Second: Lara Fleming 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from the CHC to support UT's application for planning grant from NIH around opioid abuse was approved unanimously. 		
4. Action Team progress	<p>Key discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental health: lead is Dr. Martha Buchanan (KCHD), next meeting is April 18 Opioid abuse: Prescription Drug Taskforce, lead is Karen Pershing (Metro Drug Coalition), next meeting is April 18 Tobacco: Smoke Free Knoxville, lead is Beth LaFontaine (UTMC), next meeting is April 13 Parks/greenways/sidewalks: lead is Dr. Caroline Cooley, next meeting is April 20 		
5. Bylaws changes	<p>Key discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussed several suggested changes to the CHC bylaws meant to simplify processes. Discussion focused on diversity statement in bylaws. Erin will send bylaws with suggested changes along with founding ordinance and procedures document, full CHC will vote on bylaws changes at June meeting. 	Send bylaws changes, founding ordinance, & procedures document to CHC	Erin
6. Policy & Advocacy Committee update	<p>Letters P&A Committee has issued since last CHC meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent letter to legislators in opposition to HB 1840/SB 1556 (stipulates that no counselor or therapist shall be required to counsel or serve a client that conflicts with a sincerely held religious belief of the counselor or therapist) Sent letter to legislators in opposition to HB 1650/SB 1716 (prohibits use of state gasoline tax funds for pedestrian, bicycle, and other non-vehicular facilities) Committee will be looking at advocacy around local sidewalk regulations at next meeting. 		
7. Conflict of interest forms	<p>Key discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellen asked Council members to please sign conflict of interest forms and give them to Erin by the June meeting. 	Sign conflict of interest forms	all
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain Talk conference coming up April 28. Check East TN Quality Growth website for registration. Let's Move coming up May 7 at Victor Ashe Park, 10am to 2pm, a family fitness & fun event. Open Streets coming up May 15, 1pm to 6pm, on Central Avenue (Happy Holler area). YMCA's Healthy Kids Day coming up April 23 on Market Square (happens alongside Rossini Festival). Will be lots of activities for kids, \$5 suggested donation. TPO is offering bike classes May 1, May 15, and June 5. More info on regional bicycle pgm website. Namaste India group will have a table at EarthFest at World's Fair Park on April 16, 10 to 5. Humana is moving forward with bringing their community health assessment and improvement program to Knox County. They'll hold a Clinical Town Hall on May 25 from 9am to 6pm. Erin will forward information as it is available. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Bike Summit April 22-23 in Chattanooga. Ellen Zavisca will be presenting on a panel on the 23rd.
Adjourn	Next meeting: June 2, 2016, 8am to 10am, Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine Street