

Notes from CHC Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting
10.26.16

Members Present: Caroline Cooley, Joe Miles, Eve Thomas, Amanda Weber, and Ellen Zavisca
(by phone)

KCHD Staff Present: Fiona McAnally and Erin Read

- Ellen gave us an update on active transportation at Knox County Schools. We will continue to monitor what happens in talks about active transportation.
- We discussed sharing the CHIP with school principals to inform them of the CHC's health priorities. Joe will write a cover letter to send with the CHIP.
- We discussed next steps for our committee:
 - Think about writing a letter in January to Knox County about dedicated funding for sidewalks.
 - Continue to monitor subdivision regulations regarding sidewalks.
 - Other issues related to our health priorities that we will watch:
 - Gas tax laws in relation to greenways
 - Tobacco laws
 - Fiona said to let us know the health-related legislative priorities of our organizations as they develop.
- Fiona reported that Knox County Commissioner Hugh Nystrom spent two hours at the KCHD. He heard about the CHC, was aware of the CHA and the CHIP.
- The Policy and Advocacy Committee will meet again in January.