

GREEN RIVER REGIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL

June 14, 2011

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The Green River Regional Health Council met on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., at the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) office in Owensboro, Kentucky. Council members in attendance were as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Blaine Pieper
Sheila Barnard
Tammy Belt
Don Crask
Pam Hunter
Dr. Laura Hancock-Jones
CeCe Robinson
Pam Ramsey
Jennifer Tucker
Joyce Crump
Vivian Craig McNatton
Jody Flener

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Pat Donahue
Valerie Franklin-Newell
Melissa Wolfe
Stephanie Montgomery
Christy Ramey
Deborah Fillman
Julie Wischer
David Ross
Dr. Andria Brooks
Jean Julius
Pam Moran
Father Fid Levri
*Pat Hammack
*Troy Roberts
*Tim Mahone
*Brian Held
*Collette Carter
*Jaime Rafferty
*Philip Travis

*Excused Absence

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Cheryle Floyd, Partnership for a Healthy McLean County
Lewatis McNeal, WKU-O
Stephanie Lamar, Regional Health Network Director, GRADD
Lisa Flahardy, Support Services Technician, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Blaine Pieper called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

In the absence of Secretary Jaime Rafferty, Chairman Pieper presented the April 12, 2011, minutes for approval.

A motion was made by Don Crask and seconded by Sheila Barnard to approve the April 12, 2011, minutes of the Green River Regional Health Council meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL REPORTS

A. Healthy Horizons – Daviess County

Don Crask mentioned they had a good meeting and the main topic of discussion was suicide prevention. There have been 11 suicides in Daviess County this year, which was the total number of suicides last year. Pioneering Healthy Communities is the most active committee at this time and they are working with Diabetes/Obesity. The next meeting will be in August.

B. Hancock County

Pam Ramsey, local facilitator, stated the report card was presented to the school board members in April. They also held a Child Abuse Awareness Walk at North Hancock Elementary School. On May 6, the coalition hosted a Faith Youth and Information event with 29 in attendance. This was funded through a grant from Community Collaboration for Children (CCC) and topics of discussion were: how to recognize abuse and neglect; dealing with special needs children; 40 developmental assets, substance abuse; and cyber world's effects on a child's mental health. Ms. Ramsey attended the Breathing Clean Air Summit. The coalition had a planning retreat and the top three focus areas for next year are: 1) increasing physical activity; 2) promoting good nutrition; and 3) eliminating smoking. The June meeting did not meet the requirement for a quorum. Ms. Ramsey communicated with the coalition, via e-mail,

to approve Rebecca Horn as vice-chairperson and Sage Taylor as treasurer. She is still waiting for the appropriate number of responses. In May, an article on Kentucky Ugliers was published in the local paper. Kentucky Ugliers are those statistics in which Kentucky stacks up unfavorably against neighboring states in the U.S. The coalition participated in an Autism Awareness Walk that was held at Hancock County Middle School. On June 10, in partnership with the Kentucky Cancer Program, the coalition participated in the local American Cancer Society Relay for Life and the Faces of Cancer Project. The Longest Day of Play will be Friday, June 17, at Vastwood Park. The Stroke Awareness Lunch and Learn will be June 23. The coalition has received \$2,500.00 in funding from United Way.

C. Henderson County

In the absence of Julie Wischer, Don Crask stated they will be having a Longest Day of Play at Atkinson Park from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and swimming will be free.

D. McLean County

Jennifer Tucker, local facilitator, mentioned the showcase business for the April meeting was Thacker Riverside Dental. Ms. Tucker attended the Breathing Clean Air Summit. Approximately 100 copies of the complete report card and the McLean County section have been distributed. Report card presentations have been made at the following: Chamber Banquet; City of Island meeting; City of Calhoun meeting; City of Livermore meeting; City of Sacramento meeting; and Buck Creek Baptist Church. Ms. Tucker graduated from Leadership McLean County and attended Day Leader Training. On May 17, in collaboration with the Green River District Health Department (GRDHD) and McLean County Schools, they held a Lunch and Learn for teachers and staff of McLean County Middle and High Schools. This was held on a professional development day for teachers and was a working lunch. On May 27, they held a preschool scavenger hunt at Myer Creek Park with approximately 70 participants. Prizes were provided by Audubon Area Headstart, GRDHD, and Hudson State Farm Insurance. The partnership has changed the bylaws concerning Section 7.3 Quorum to the following: A Quorum for any meeting of the Partnership shall consist of 10 members.

A motion was made by Jennifer Tucker and seconded by Dr. Laura Hancock-Jones to accept the change in the bylaws. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

E. Ohio County

Jody Flener, local facilitator, stated the report card was presented by Stephanie Lamar to the fiscal court. April 30, was the Take Back Drug initiative and three bags of drugs were collected. The coalition is working on a permanent drop box. Also on April 30, the coalition participated in Celebrate the Child. Ms. Flener attended

the Breathing Clean Air Summit along with nine members of the coalition. The coalition had a retreat and reviewed the past accomplishments and the current committees were adjusted to meet the goals for next year. Organizations that are involved with the coalition attended the retreat, and reported they have benefited from the health coalition by the increase of contacts and manpower when implementing a project. Hartford County Christian Church is working on a Readifest, and the coalition will be collaborating with them on this project. A Farmers Market has opened in Beaver Dam. The Longest Day of Play will be June 17, and the coalition will be calculating BMI's for children and youth. The coalition planted a tree at the senior center in honor of Valorie Tanner.

F. Union County

Tammy Belt, local facilitator, stated GRDHD applied for a Healthy Community Grant but it was not funded. May was fitness month with various activities including the Annual Run for the Roses 5K Race/1 Mile Walk and a lunch and learn with Dr. Terry Harmon as the guest speaker. The meal was provided by the Earle C. Clements Job Corps culinary students. There was a health fair at the Job Corps and Don Crask distributed information about stroke prevention. The coalition participated at Methodist Hospital's health fair/open house and distributed approximately 200 health report cards to the public. "We Can" sessions two, three, and four were held at the Herron Tech Center and there were 18 participants. Ms. Belt attended the Breathing Clean Air Summit. The coalition is planning a retreat for July and the focus areas for next year will be nutrition, activity, and smoking. Committee chairs have been selected for each area. The Get Fit Kentucky Triathlon was held at Moffit Lake. This is an annual event which brings in people from all over the U.S. Ms. Belt is involved with the healthy lunchroom initiative in the Union County Public Schools. This initiative was implemented after the presentation of the report card to the school board. Plans are in progress for the Longest Day of Play. The World's Greatest Baby Shower is this evening, and the coalition will be distributing report cards.

G. Webster County

Pamela Hunter, local facilitator, reported they have had limited meetings in May due to the flooding. The Stroke Awareness Lunch and Learn sponsored by Methodist Hospital will be July 18, 2011, at the Providence Community Fellowship Hall. Dr. Troost will be the guest speaker. Webster County Senior Services will be providing the meal. The coalition held a retreat in April and their three priorities are mental health issues for all ages, obesity, and sexual health concerns for the youth. Committees have been formed for these three areas. Ms. Hunter attended the Breathing Clean Air Summit and has plans to attend a Cooper Clayton seminar. A local doctor in Dixon has made his parking lot available for a Farmers Market on Saturdays. The coalition, along with other volunteers, is working with Relay for Life. A local nurse practitioner attended a seminar in San Diego, CA, hoping to learn new information concerning obesity, only to find out this area is way ahead in fighting obesity.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Breathing Clean Air Summit

Stephanie Lamar asked the council to review the survey data from the summit. She stated there were 47 in attendance and people seemed to be pleased with this event. Chairman Pieper asked how many counties are working on smoke-free ordinances. Ms. Lamar stated Ohio County is working on an ordinance at this time and expects the fiscal court to adopt a smoking ordinance. Hancock County is anticipating that the school board will be adopting a smoke-free ordinance.

B. Grant Updates

1. Network Development Grant

Stephanie Lamar announced this grant was not funded, but there are carryover funds that will sustain the council through June 30, 2011.

2. Wellpoint Foundation

Stephanie Lamar stated this grant was resubmitted and the focus area is on all high school students, not just juniors. The concern for this grant was the sustainability of participants. They have developed a recruitment and retention plan, and have incorporated a \$500 scholarship for each of the five rural counties. The schools will be in competition with each other. The winning school will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and the money must be spent on reinforcing the “In it for Me” campaign. This council will approve how the money is spent. Ms. Lamar said they would like to have a kickoff event for each school. It will be several months before the council will know if funding is received.

Ms. Lamar did apply for funding for the five rural coalitions from United Way to help maintain the local facilitators. Ohio County received \$1,000; Hancock County received \$2,500; and Webster County received \$500. McLean County and Union County did not receive any funding. McLean County was denied because there is such a small amount of money available for that county, and Union County was denied because United Way was concerned about the sustainability of this coalition.

C. Sustainability Committee

Chairman Pieper stated there is a commitment for some funding from Henderson Methodist Hospital, Union Methodist Hospital, and Ohio County Hospital. These three hospitals are concerned about Owensboro Medical Health Systems’ (OMHS) involvement. A meeting was scheduled with OMHS but has been rescheduled due to conflicts. OHMS has expressed an interest in the council. What has generated their

interest has been all the activities of the local coalitions. The grant writing agency that was hired is still writing for larger grants.

Chairman Pieper asked for input from the local facilitators concerning dues from the local members to sustain their councils. Jody Flener stated they discussed organization dues as a way of helping sustain their coalition's daily operations. Those already attending the coalition are concerned that their employer would not pay the fee for them to come since they are allowing them to leave their job to attend the meetings. Ms. Flener added they never reached an agreement on this issue. Stephanie Lamar wondered if it should be called a sponsorship instead of a fee with different levels of sponsorship. Dr. Laura Hancock-Jones stated Union County is still struggling with attendance and feel they are not ready for sponsorship at this time. Pam Hunter mentioned she asked fiscal court for help with sustainability and they were open to the possibility. Pam Ramsey stated Hancock County received funding from United Way. This funding could possibly help the coalition make a connection with local industries and businesses which might be an avenue of sponsorship. Jennifer Tucker added the McLean County Coalition does not feel the non-profits will be able to offer any financial support, but possibly could receive some funding from fiscal court. Lewatis McNeal said a good resource could be the local chambers. Some suggested offering services to industries such as free blood pressure screenings if they will sponsor the coalition. Chairman Pieper suggested perhaps Jiten Shah could lay the ground work with fiscal courts concerning funding. Much discussion followed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kentucky Smoke-Free Resolution

Stephanie Lamar directed the council to view their copy of the Kentucky Smoke -Free Resolution. They are asking for as many organizations as possible to adopt this resolution. Ms. Lamar wanted to know if this council was interested in adopting this resolution.

A motion was made by Don Crask and seconded by Tammy Belt to endorse the Kentucky Smoke-Free Resolution. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Owensboro Walk to End Alzheimer's

Stephanie Lamar stated this walk will be held September 17, and the starting location will be near the Health Park. This project is still in the planning stages.

A motion was made by Dr. Laura Hancock-Jones and seconded by Pam Ramsey to support the Owensboro Walk to End Alzheimer's. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Laura Hancock-Jones announced the Oral Health Summit will be Friday, June 17, at the Madisonville Health Campus and the cost is \$30 at the door. There are over 130 participants registered for this event. Several speakers will be in attendance and breakfast and lunch will be served.

CeCe Robinson mentioned that a few years ago this council hosted a Longest Day of Play Workshop for the region. Ms. Robinson would like to have another event of this type so the different counties could share ideas.

Jody Flener asked if letters of support would be helpful for the upcoming meeting with OMHS concerning funding. Chairman Pieper agreed the letters are a great idea and asked facilitators to send those to Stephanie Lamar as soon as possible. The letters need to be individualized, not a generic form letter.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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