

GREEN RIVER REGIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL

June 9, 2009

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The Green River Regional Health Council met on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, 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

Angela Curry
Brian Jones
Debbie Fillman
Don Crask
Dr. Adam Brockman
Dr. Laura Hancock-Jones
Holly Simpson
Jaime Rafferty
Jean Julius
Jill Barger
Jody Flener
Joyce Crump
Pam Moran
Pat Hammack
Philip Travis
Shane Bosaw
Valorie Tanner

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

*Janet Messer
Blaine Pieper
*Fr. Fid Levri
Steve Carter
Pat Donahue
Margaret Scott
Lisa Jones
Natalie Henning
Christy Ramey
Sandy Barbour
Scott Miller
Susan Langan
Patricia Bailey
*Tim Mahone
Katie Englert

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Ryan Hoisington, PharmD, REACH
Vivian Craig, Associate Director for Social Services, GRADD
Stephanie Lamar, Green River Regional Health Council Director, GRADD
Lisa Flahardy, Support Services Technician, GRADD

*Excused Absence

I. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Chairman Blaine Pieper and Vice-Chairman Janet Messer, Secretary Jaime Rafferty called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Secretary Jaime Rafferty presented the April 14, 2009, minutes for approval.

A motion was made by Pam Moran and seconded by Don Crask to accept the April 14, 2009, amended minutes of the Green River Regional Health Council meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. GUEST SPEAKER

Stephanie Lamar introduced Ryan L. Hoisington, PharmD, Research and Engagement for Advancing Community Health (REACH) Liaison, UK Center for Rural Health. Mr. Hoisington explained information about the REACH program. REACH is a core unit of the UK Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS), and is devoted to fostering productive research partnerships between UK faculty, community-based professionals, and faculty at other universities in our region. The mission of the UK CCTS is to accelerate the translation of advances in medical science into improvements in healthcare and disease prevention for the people of Kentucky. Some of the REACH goals are: (1) develop and support productive university-community partnerships; (2) tap into the observations and experience of community-based professionals to guide research; (3) support collaborative development of ideas; (4) help groups develop the skills necessary to be productive in research teams; and (5) facilitate the conduct of individual community-oriented research projects.

Mr. Hoisington reported those involved with REACH are physicians, pharmacists, public health providers and other professionals. REACH helps connect people, ideas, and resources of those who share the common goal of improving the health of rural communities. Once these connections are made, REACH staff can facilitate the actual research and dissemination of new knowledge. REACH is administered through UK, with five field offices located in Hazard, Morehead, Danville, Madisonville and Murray. Funding for REACH is through UK, the Kentucky Department for Public Health and by federal grants supporting clinical and translational research. Involvement in REACH is free of charge. Many questions were forthcoming from those in attendance.

IV. COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL REPORTS

A. Hancock County

Angela Curry, local facilitator, commented they were part of the health fair at the local senior center and will be participating in the Longest Day of Play. They are forming a committee to work on the International Active Aging Week, and are currently working with the Hancock County Partners Coalition to do a presentation at the Hancock County High School in support of the Kentucky Incentives Prevention (KIP) data and random drug testing. Also, they are gathering information to develop a resource directory which they will make available to the residents of Hancock County.

B. Healthy Horizons – Daviess County

Debbie Fillman reported they met on June 8, 2009, and had two speakers. Merritt Thomas spoke about the changes in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. Ron McCracken promoted the upcoming Owensboro Fitness Classic which will take place July 11, 2009. Ms. Fillman noted volunteers are still needed for the fitness classic. Stephanie Lamar suggested the local facilitators should attend this event and see if it would be possible to have a similar event in each county.

C. Ohio County

Jody Flener, local facilitator, stated they are averaging 25 in attendance per meeting. They have made a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Ohio County to spread the word about the local health council. The Maternal and Childcare group is working on emphasizing immunizations and the Substance Abuse Committee participated in “Kick Butts Day.” The Brain and Alcohol Seminar was a huge success with seminars in the middle and high schools, as well as, an evening seminar for adults. The health council had a booth at “Celebrate the Child” which had around 3,500 in attendance. Together We Care submitted phase two of the grant and it was returned requesting work to be done on the business plan for re-submission. They are currently working on amending the business plan.

D. Union County

Dr. Laura Hancock-Jones reported they have hired a local facilitator, Tammy Belt. They participated in the health fair at the local senior center. They are in the planning process for the Longest Day of Play and will be having a 5K, fishing derby and nature walks. They are looking for more collaboration at the meetings and possibly reaching out to the school board and the Chamber of Commerce regarding additional members.

E. Webster County

Shane Bosaw, local facilitator, explained they have established a vision and mission statement and are working on long range goals. They are making decisions concerning the Longest Day of Play and are working on plans for International Active Aging Week. Pat Hammack added Delta has a new internet safety screening seminar available. Jaime Rafferty also noted there would be free mammography screenings available in Webster County on June 23 and 24.

V. RETREAT CONTINUED

A. Vision Statement

Stephanie Lamar presented the following vision statement:

Improved health and quality of life
within our Green River Region.

B. Mission Statement

Stephanie Lamar presented the following mission statement:

The Green River Regional Health Council exists
to improve and promote healthy lifestyles through
identification, education and motivation.

After much discussion, the mission statement was revised to read as follows:

To promote healthy communities through
education, motivation and evaluation.

A motion was made by Don Crask and seconded by
Vivian Craig to accept the vision statement as
presented and the revised mission statement. A vote
was taken and the motion carried.

Ms. Lamar explained the next step is to come back together and decide which issues the council wants to address based on the report card. Once the issues have been identified, the strategic planning process will begin.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vivian Craig announced GRADD received a national award for the expired drug toss event which was held in all seven counties. Debbie Fillman reported the free health

clinic of Owensboro, which served five or six counties, will be closing effective June 30, 2009. Ms. Craig asked about the dental clinic and Ms. Fillman stated the free dental clinic, which will be serving all seven counties, should be opening within the next two months.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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