

## **GREEN RIVER REGIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL**

April 14, 2009

**M-I-N-U-T-E-S**  
(amended)

The Green River Regional Health Council met on Tuesday, April 14, 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

Blaine Pieper  
Don Crask  
Shane Bosaw  
Pam Moran  
Melissa Wolfe  
Janet Messer  
Philip Travis  
Lisa Jones  
Angela Curry  
Adam Brockman  
Valorie Tanner

### COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Patricia Bailey  
Fr. Fid Levri  
Steve Carter  
Pat Donahue  
Margaret Scott  
Christy Ramey  
Sandy Barbour  
Scott Miller  
Susan Langan  
Tim Mahone  
\*Pat Hammack  
\*Jaime Rafferty  
\*Jill Barger  
\*Jean Julius  
Natalie Henning  
Joyce Crump  
Jody Flener  
Debbie Fillman

### GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Ron Wrona, PHD, Retired Epidemiologist  
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

Chairman Blaine Pieper called the meeting to order.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

In the absence of Secretary Jaime Rafferty, Janet Messer presented the December 9, 2008, minutes for approval.

A motion was made by Don Crask and seconded by Philip Travis to accept the December 9, 2008, minutes of the Green River Regional Health Council meeting, as presented. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. GUEST SPEAKER

Stephanie Lamar introduced Dr. Ronald M. Wrona, retired epidemiologist, and current adjunct professor for Western Kentucky University. Dr. Wrona spoke on Rural Healthy People 2010 and Healthy People 2010. The objectives of this project are to employ a survey of state and local rural health leaders to identify rural health priorities, and to disseminate this information to rural communities. This project also invites state and local rural health leaders to share their successful models with other communities. Dr. Wrona shared with the council the following list of priorities selected by state and local rural health leaders: (1) access to quality health services; (2) heart disease and stroke; (3) diabetes; (4) mental health and mental disorders; (5) oral health; (6) tobacco use; (7) substance abuse; (8) education and community-based programs; (9) maternal, infant and child health; (10) nutrition and overweight; (11) cancer; (12) public health infrastructure; (13) immunizations and infectious diseases; and (14) injury and violence prevention.

Dr. Wrona also spoke with the council concerning the local health report card. He suggested the report card could be reviewed two different ways: (1) like a school report card used to grade each community; or (2) community diagnosis. Dr. Wrona also suggested the council try to undertake activities that will connect with the report card. There was a question and answer session that followed.

IV. APPROVAL NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Chairman Pieper presented Katie Englert as a new associate member of the Health Council.

A motion was made by Janet Messer and seconded by Don Crask to accept Katie Englert as a new associate member of the Green River Regional Health Council. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF BYLAWS

Chairman Pieper presented the bylaws of Hancock, Union and Webster Counties for approval.

A motion was made by Don Crask and seconded by Dr. Adam Brockman to approve the bylaws, as presented. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

VI. COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL REPORTS

A. Hancock County

In the absence of Jill Barger, Stephanie Lamar reported the council is working on creating smoke free workplaces. Angela Curry was hired as the local facilitator and bylaws have been adopted.

B. Healthy Horizons – Daviess County

Don Crask stated at the last meeting Dr. Johnson spoke on the dental clinic. The expected opening date of the clinic is June 2009, and other counties will have access it. Dr. Donald Neal spoke on obesity.

C. Ohio County

Valorie Tanner reported in February, which was Go Red month; the coalition hosted a lunch and learn entitled “Heart of a Woman” with about 83 in attendance. In March they hosted a health fair. The coalition is having a seminar on April 16, 2009, “Your Brain Under the Influence.” They have formed three subcommittees: (1) Maternal and Child Health; (2) Workplace and Community Fitness; and (3) Substance Abuse. (added third committee per amendment at June 9, meeting)

D. Henderson County

There was no report.

E. Union County

Lisa Jones stated an organizational meeting was held in March with officers being elected, and the council is preparing to hire a facilitator.

F. Webster County

Melissa Wolfe reported the council hired Shane Bosaw as facilitator, adopted bylaws and hosted a lunch and learn. Two wellness nights have been held in the

local schools. In July, a free medical clinic, sponsored by the Trover Foundation, will open in Providence.

VII. REGIONAL FALLS PREVENTION COALITION

Don Crask stated on June 25, 2009, there will be a statewide meeting concerning fall prevention.

VIII. REPORT FROM REGIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL NETWORK DIRECTOR

A. Health Council Retreat

Stephanie Lamar reported the health council retreat has been rescheduled for May 28, 2009, at Mount Saint Joseph.

B. Formation of Committees

Stephanie Lamar announced the formation of committees will be discussed at the health council retreat in May.

C. Health Resources and Services Administration Grant

Stephanie Lamar stated the grant has been refunded for a second year.

D. Other Items of Interest

Stephanie Lamar reported that “Heart of a Woman” lunch and learns had been held in Ohio, Hancock, Webster and Union Counties, with close to 250 women attending. There will be a Shaping Obesity Summit on May 12, 2009, in Lexington and all local facilitators will be attending, along with Ms. Lamar. The Longest Day of Play events are being scheduled in June in all seven counties.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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