

Health Commission | MINUTES

September 10th, 2021 | 10:00 AM |

Present Members

Councilwoman Ryana Parks-Shaw (Co-Chair)

Qiana Thomason (Vice Chair)

Joseph Lightner

Ajia Morris

Hakima Tafunzi Payne

Jim Nunnelly

Councilman Dan Fowler

Austin Strassle

Dr. Ben Grin

Christopher Dandurand

Absent Members

Dr. Erica Carney (Co-Chair)

Sheela Ananth

Marqueia Watson

Tiana Caldwell

Emma Shanklin

Eva Santiago

Health Advisors

Dr. Charnissa Holliday-Scott

Lana McKinney

Other Attendees

Karen Dolt

Kathy Knotts

Darcy Robbins

Tania Hewett-Mader

Katlyn Eighmy

Samantha Collinson

Johnda Boyce

Dallas Pollen

Angie Williams

Dennis Dunmeyer

Victor Arellano

Emily Pandzik

Dr. Pat Neubauer

McClain Bryant Macklin

Jeron Ravin

Chris Walker

N. Patel

Wil Franklin

HD Staff

Erica Taylor

Kimberly A. McCauley

Frank Thompson

Vickie Watson

Amber Booker

Bill Snook

AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION

Health Commission

Councilwoman Ryana Parks-Shaw (Co-Chair) called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Review of meeting minutes from August 2021.

- Councilwoman Ryana Parks-Shaw (Co-Chair) requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August, Councilman Dan Fowler seconded so moved. Joey Lightner. Motion unanimously passes.

Action Item

Old Business

Health Commission Committee Updates:

- Birth Equity Committee
 - Samantha Collinson provided a brief update. The Committee is considering creating a one-stop resources shop for women
 - Potential partners/collaborators will begin their resource presentations at the next Committee meeting
- Education Committee
 - Dr. Charnissa Holliday-Scott provided a brief update. The last meeting was August 20th. No requests for the Health Commission. No actions taken.
 - The Committee is in the process of analyzing CHIP goals and determining what data is needed as well as what data and resources to obtain to effectively meet KC-CHIP goals and metrics
 - Discussed data submissions and are collectively submitting data that will be analyzed
 - Will potentially have a longer committee meeting in October to discuss data
 - Critical Race Theory update was provided and how it impacts the Committee and constituents that are served through this committee
 - KC-CHIP Priority Area III (Trauma Informed Care and Funded Education) implementation was discussed
 - The Committee is discussing how to collaborate with the Ad-Hoc Housing Committee on CHIP Goal 8 (Prioritize funding for schools in disinvested areas with lower property values) implementation
- Health Policy & Advocacy Collaborative
 - Erica Taylor provided a brief update.
 - Legislative Session is fast approaching, and the Committee will be focusing on legislative priorities
 - Other Committees can email any legislative priorities to be adopted to Erica Taylor who will then forward them on to the Health Policy & Advocacy Collaborative
- Housing (Ad Hoc) Committee
 - Austin Strassle provided an update on the committee. Last meeting was August 19th. No actions taken. No actions for Health Commission.

- The Committee did vote to submit a request to Councilwoman Park-Shaw's office to receive assistance obtaining additional information on two housing related ordinances
- There are overlapping KC-CHIP goals and the Committee will be collaborating with the VFKCC Committee on these goals
- The Committee will next meet on 9/16
- Violence Free KC Committee
 - No update

Public Comments

Update provided by Erica Taylor.

- Going forward, Health Commission Chairs want to ensure there is time allotted for public comments for each agenda item throughout the meeting instead of at the end of each meeting.

Health Director Update

Erica Taylor provided updates.

- Candidate eligibility list received, and the City Manager is still conducting searches for a permanent Director of Health
- The position will show open until it has been filled
- The list of active candidates will be updated by HR as additional candidates apply for the Director of Health position
- There was a recommendation from Erica Taylor that the updated list of Health Director applicants come directly from the City Manager's Office to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest involving the Health Department during the selection process
- The Health Commission will remain actively involved in the selection process for a Director of Health
- Councilwoman Ryana Parks-Shaw has an upcoming meeting with the City Manager 9/14 to discuss Health Director applicants
 - Health Commissioners are strongly encouraged email questions/feedback regarding the hiring process to Councilwoman Parks-Shaw to discuss with the City Manager during the 9/14 meeting

KC-CHIP Discussion

- Update by Joey Lightner and Lana McKinney. Lana McKinney indicated the workgroup created for the CHIP and Budget committees voted on funding recommendations for implementing the KC-CHIP
 - At the last taskforce meeting the group selected the Option 1 funding request to obtain \$350,000 from the General Fund to implement the KC-CHIP, this option will fund:
 - 1 FTE CHIP Manager (LTM/LTC)
 - 6.5 Half Time Priority Area Coordinators (LTM/LTC)
 - Other grant and funding opportunities will be pursued
 - A final vote/approval from the full Health Commission is needed
 - Option 1 funding request to obtain \$350,000 from the General Fund to implement the KC-CHIP, this option will fund:
 - 1 FTE CHIP Manager (LTM/LTC) & 6.5 Half Time Priority Area Coordinators (LTM/LTC)
- The model to be implemented mirrors the Wyandotte County CHIP process

- The earliest the positions could be created and posted within the City system will be 5/1/2022 and the potential start date for the in-house CHIP position will be around 7/1/2022; contract positions may however be able to on-board sooner possibly 5/1/2022
- There was a full Health Commission vote taken to accept funding recommendation Option 1 with all votes being I, no Nays, and one Abstention from Councilman Dan Fowler. The vote to approve funding Option 1 passed with a clear majority.

COVID-19 Updates

Interim Director of Health Frank Thompson provided a COVID-19 update.

- The City of Kansas City, Missouri is preparing its defense against the Missouri Attorney General's Mask Mandate lawsuit
- Thanks was given to the Council for extending the mask mandate to 9/23
- Recently there has been a slight decrease in COVID numbers, however, that could change once State cases are received
- There was a brief discussion around the Covid-19 Vaccination Taskforce
- Acknowledgements given to Interim Director Frank Thompson for his presence in the community during the COVID vaccination events as well as acknowledgements to SNP providers for all their efforts during this trying time
- Discussions around new federal COVID-19 vaccination mandate, booster vaccinations, and un-vaccination outreach

Announcements

- Uzazi Village is partnering with Black-Out to promote vaccinations
- Uzazi Village is hosting a virtual community event 9/11 "Mindful Approach to Vaccination
- Uzazi Village will host a webinar next month that will focus on black pregnant women

Additional Business

- SNP expressed appreciation for Health Commission making public comments a standing agenda item for each topic discussed during Health Commission meetings
- TMC is continuing COVID-19 education and vaccination efforts
- TMC is hosting the regional monoclonal antibody clinic at University Health 2 for persons experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Discussions around local COVID-19 vaccination rates, and vaccination PSAs

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53AM.

The next Health Commission meeting is scheduled for October 8th, 2021.