

**Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency
Policy Council Meeting**

DRAFT MINUTES	OCTOBER 5, 2022	10:30 A.M.	COOKEVILLE, TN
MEETING CALLED BY	Sarah Marie Smith, Carthage City Mayor called the meeting to order.		
TYPE OF MEETING	UCHRA Policy Council Meeting		
FACILITATOR	Sarah Marie Smith		
NOTETAKER	Sherry Thurman		
MEMBERS PRESENT	Sarah Marie Smith, Marvin Lusk, Keisha Richards, Brent Anderson, Paula Rodriguez, Kristi Paling, Marie Ferran, Anne Stamps, Barbara Wheeler, Don Hollingsworth, Billy Adcock, Linda Pastrick		
MEMBERS ABSENT	Randy Heady, Charlene Whitaker, Cindy Putman, Michael Burton, Katelyn Hicks, Marilyn Davis		
	CALL TO ORDER	SARAH MARIE SMITH, CITY MAYOR CARTHAGE	
CALL TO ORDER	Sarah Marie Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.		
	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	SARAH MARIE SMITH, CITY MAYOR CARTHAGE	
DISCUSSION	Sarah Marie Smith asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2022 Policy Council meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes.		
ACTION	<u>Motion to Approve</u> Motion made by: Marvin Lusk Motion seconded by: Anne Stamps Sarah Marie Smith asked for discussion on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.		
	UCHRA PROGRAM REPORT	MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
DISCUSSION	Executive Director Mark Farley advised that UCHRA will be receiving the Empower Upper Cumberland contract by the end of the week. The contract will start on November 1 st . The management team has been hired and the remaining staff will be hired starting November 1 st . Executive Director Mark Farley advised that UCHRA is creating the Day Reporting Center for the substance abuse program through the Department of Corrections. The centers will be up and running sometime in October. Staff has been hired for the program and there are still a few positions that will need to be filled.		

	UCHRA DASHBOARDS LANELLE GODSEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR/ COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
DISCUSSION	<p>LaNelle Godsey presented the UCHRA Community Services Dashboards for July and August, 2022. September, 2022 ends the programmatic year and we are getting transitioned over to start a new program year for a majority of the programs. There are not a lot of changes to the programs for the upcoming year.</p> <p>LaNelle Godsey presented and discussed the Whistleblower Protection Act Policy. One of the requirements of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program is to make sure that all the members receive a copy of the Protection Act and are aware where to report any discrepancies.</p>
	ROUNDTABLE MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DISCUSSION	<p>Executive Director Mark Farley introduced Colleen Mall and Donna King with the Trauma Informed Community Alliance (TICA) in Cumberland County. Ms. Mall gave an overview of how the Alliance was created and the purpose of the coalition.</p> <p>Executive Director Mark Farley introduced Ashley Walton, Community Nurse Navigator with the University of Tennessee School of Nursing. The Community Nurse Navigator project is grant funded through the Tennessee Department of Health. Ms. Walton gave an overview on the barriers of immunizations in counties of the Upper Cumberland region.</p> <p>Marie Ferran advised that recertification for TennCare has started again. Families need to make sure that TennCare has current information on file or they will be removed from the program.</p> <p>Paula Rodriguez advised that TennCare recertification packets will be mailed to clients mid-October or the first of November. Any packets not returned to TennCare by January, 2023, will be disenrolled.</p>
	OLD/NEW BUSINESS SARAH MARIE SMITH, CITY MAYOR CARTHAGE
DISCUSSION	<p>No old business was presented for discussion.</p> <p>Paul Rodriguez announced that benefits for SNAP clients increased this month.</p> <p>Kristi Paling announced that the Tennessee Commission on Children & Youth tracks data and ranks children's well-being across the State of Tennessee. Upper Cumberland is ranked 36 out of 50 in the state.</p> <p>Marie Ferran and Executive Director Mark Farley announced that the UCDD/AAAD Senior Expo will be held Tuesday, October 18th, at Life Church.</p>

	PUBLIC COMMENTS SARAH MARIE SMITH, CITY MAYOR
DISCUSSION	There were no public comments presented.
	ADJOURN SARAH MARIE SMITH, CITY MAYOR
ADJOURN	Sarah Marie Smith advised that he would accept a motion to adjourn.
ACTION	<p><u>Motion to Adjourn:</u> Motion made by: Marie Ferran Motion seconded by: Marvin Lusk</p> <p>The Policy Council members voted unanimously to adjourn the October 5, 2022 meeting.</p>
CONCLUSION 11:40 A.M.	

Chairman Randy Heady