

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

MINUTES	FEBRUARY 2, 2022	10:30 A.M.	COOKEVILLE, TN
MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman Randy Heady called the meeting to order.		
TYPE OF MEETING	UCHRA Policy Council Meeting		
FACILITATOR	Chairman Randy Heady		
NOTETAKER	Sherry Thurman		
MEMBERS PRESENT	Randy Heady, Sarah Marie Smith, Marvin Lusk, Charlene Whitaker, Cindy Putman, Paula Rodriguez, Kristi Paling, Marie Ferran, Bill Gibson, Michael Burton, Barbara Wheeler, Don Hollingsworth, Billy Adcock, Linda Pastrick		
MEMBERS ABSENT	Shaquawana Wester, Darrin Stout, Anne Stamps, Ethel Minor, Marilyn Davis		
	CALL TO ORDER	CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY	
	Chairman Randy Heady called the meeting to order.		
CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Randy Heady recognized and welcomed Sarah Marie Smith, Mayor of Carthage to the meeting. Mayor Smith is the new Secretary of the UCHRA Executive Board and a new member of the Policy Council.		
	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY	
DISCUSSION	Chairman Randy Heady asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2021 Policy Council meeting.		
	A motion was made to approve the minutes.		
ACTION	<p><u>Motion to Approve</u> Motion made by: Marie Ferran Motion seconded by: Marvin Lusk Chairman Randy Heady asked for discussion on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>		
	UCHRA PROGRAM REPORT	MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
	<p>a. Program News b. Substance Abuse Program</p>		
DISCUSSION	Executive Director Mark Farley gave an update on UCHRA's Substance Abuse Solution program and the Transportation Uber program.		

DISCUSSION

- Substance Abuse Solutions Program
UCHRA put together a substance abuse program to assist individuals needing treatment or coming out of treatment and help them get back into the workforce and society. During the past two years, staff has worked with approximately 1,000 individuals.

Executive Director Mark Farley advised that Tennessee is slated to receive some Opioid Settlement funding. UCHRA has been working with the State of Tennessee to see what the agency needs to do to be ready when the funds become available.

- Uber Project
UCHRA partnered with Uber approximately six months ago to start Uber service in Cookeville. In the month of January, there were 277 trips requested. The program is growing and the agency is looking at expanding into other areas. The agency recently started an advertising campaign. If there are clients needing transportation they can contact UCHRA.

UCHRA DASHBOARD

MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION

LaNelle Godsey presented the UCHRA Community Services Dashboards for December, 2021. Comparing the numbers from November to December, 2021 there was an increase of 699 individuals served. The Community Services Block Grant has COVID funding available. Individuals that have been affected by COVID may contact the county offices to see if staff can assist them with rental assistance or basic necessity vouchers. Staff will also screen the individuals for other programs.

LaNelle Godsey gave an update on the new water program through the Tennessee Housing Development Agency. The program will be similar to the Crisis LIHEAP program. If individuals' water is being cut off or has been cut off, they could potentially apply to get their water turned back on and receive backpay. We are waiting on guidance from the state office to start the program.

ROUNDTABLE

MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- **TANF Opportunity Act Grant**
- **Follow-Up on ACE's Training**

DISCUSSION

Executive Director Mark Farley advised that UCHRA applied and awarded one of the TANF Opportunity Act Planning Grants in December, 2021. The agency received \$445,000 to submit a proposal to the state and be eligible to receive up to \$25,000,000 over a three-year period. As part of the process, Executive Director Mark Farley and Megan Spurgeon will go before a committee to give a fifteen-minute presentation in order to win one of the grants.

Executive Director Mark Farley and Megan Spurgeon gave an overview and presentation on the TANF Opportunity Act grant.

DISCUSSION

Megan Spurgeon announced that there will be a Poverty Stimulation Day on February 23rd. If anyone would like to volunteer with the event contact Megan Spurgeon.

Executive Director Mark Farley advised that the next round of trainings to become a Building Strong Brains Tennessee Trainer will be held in the Spring. If there are any questions about the training contact Kristi Paling.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY

No old business was presented for discussion.

DISCUSSION

Executive Director Mark Farley advised that the 2022 Policy Council meeting dates will be emailed to everyone.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY

DISCUSSION

There were no public comments presented.

ADJOURN

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Chairman Randy Heady advised that he would accept a motion to adjourn.

ACTION

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion made by: Marvin Lusk

Motion seconded by: Don Hollingsworth

The Policy Council members voted unanimously to adjourn the February 2, 2022 meeting.

CONCLUSION

11:35 A.M.



Chairman Randy Heady