

Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency
Policy Council Meeting

MINUTES	APRIL 6, 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, Marvin Lusk, Cindy Putman, Darrin Stout, Paula Rodriguez, Kristi Paling, Marie Ferran, Anne Stamps, Michael Burton, Ethel Minor, Barbara Wheeler, Don Hollingsworth, Billy Adcock, Linda Pastrick		
MEMBERS ABSENT	Sarah Marie Smith, Charlene Whitaker, Shaquawana Wester, Bill Gibson, Marilyn Davis		
CALL TO ORDER		CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY	
CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Randy Heady called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.		
APPROVAL OF MINUTES		CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY	
DISCUSSION	Chairman Randy Heady asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022 Policy Council meeting.		
	A motion was made to approve the minutes.		
ACTION	<p><u>Motion to Approve</u> Motion made by: Marvin Lusk Motion seconded by: Don Hollingsworth Chairman Randy Heady asked for discussion on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>		
UCHRA PROGRAM REPORT		MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
DISCUSSION	<p>Executive Director Mark Farley advised that the UCHRA CASA program is currently in four of the counties (Smith, Putnam, Overton, and Cumberland) that Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency serves. The state is looking at increasing the CASA budget and expanding the program in additional counties. UCHRA is currently seeking to find a Director for the program. The state office is looking at moving CASA to a separate nonprofit.</p>		

DISCUSSION	Executive Director Mark Farley introduced Darlene Jones, Court Appointed Special Advocate Program Coordinator for Putnam County. Ms. Jones gave an overview of the CASA Program.
	UCHRA DASHBOARDS MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DISCUSSION	<p>LaNelle Godsey presented the UCHRA Community Services Dashboards for February, 2022. Funds for the CARES Fund Act will end in September. The agency has limited funds for rental assistance for clients effective by COVID. Funds are available in the regular CSBG program to help with rental assistance or basic necessities vouchers. The LIHEAP funds are running low. There are agencies across the state that hasn't spent their funds. UCHRA is working to get some of the additional funds in the Upper Cumberland because there is a need. The next round of funds is being held until the COVID funds have been expended. The Upper Cumberland will receive approximately 1.5 million dollars for the Low-Income Water Assistance program. Training on the program will be held on Friday, April 8th. The earliest date the program can start is April 15th. The launch date will depend on getting vendor agreements into place. The type of assistance provided through the program is: disconnect or pending disconnected water; clients that are in a rear that don't have a disconnect notice; and, if clients are not past due, and don't have a rear, there is a potential one-time payment of \$250.00 self-certifying that the client is in a hardship and can't pay their water bill. If clients are eligible for LIHEAP, clients are automatically eligible for the water program.</p> <p>Executive Director Mark Farley advised that the state allocated \$1.2 million for the Upper Cumberland for child care. The Development District is in the process of working with established daycares or individuals wanting to become a licensed facility to increase their capacity. UCDD received over \$5 million in request.</p>
	ROUNDTABLE MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 Kids Count County Profiles Kristy Paling • TANIF Grant Application
DISCUSSION	<p>Executive Director Mark Farley introduced Kristy Paling.</p> <p>Ms. Paling gave a presentation on the 2021 Kids Count for the fourteen counties in the Upper Cumberland.</p> <p>Ms. Paling announced that UCCCY Legislative Event will be held on Friday, April 8th, at the Upper Cumberland Development District. UCCCY, Power of Putnam, Willow Bend Farms, and Tennessee Alliance for Drug Addicted Children will host an information event May 5th and 6th, at the River Church, to discuss human trafficking and drug addiction in children.</p> <p>Executive Director Mark Farley advised that the TANIF grant application was submitted. Upper Cumberland will present the Upper Cumberland's proposal to the committee on Thursday, April 7th. The Strategic Plan and Logic Model was presented to the Policy Council.</p>

	OLD/NEW BUSINESS	CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY
DISCUSSION	No old business was presented for discussion.	
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	PUBLIC COMMENTS	CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY
DISCUSSION	There were no public comments presented.	
	ADJOURN	CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY
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ACTION	<u>Motion to Adjourn:</u>	
	Motion made by: Marie Ferran Motion seconded by: Paula Rodriguez	
	The Policy Council members voted unanimously to adjourn the April 6, 2022 meeting.	
CONCLUSION 11:15 A.M.		


Chairman Randy Heady