

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

MINUTES	JUNE 1, 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, Charlene Whitaker, Cindy Putman, Darrin Stout, Paula Rodriguez, Kristi Paling, Marie Ferran, Anne Stamps, Michael Burton, Barbara Wheeler, Don Hollingsworth, Billy Adcock, Linda Pastrick		
MEMBERS ABSENT	Marvin Lusk, Shaquawana Wester, Bill Gibson, Ethel Minor, 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 April 6, 2022 Policy Council meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes.		
ACTION	<p><u>Motion to Approve</u> Motion made by: Anne Stamps Motion seconded by: Cindy Putman Chairman Randy Heady asked for discussion on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>		
UCHRA PROGRAM REPORT		MARK FARLEY,	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empower Upper Cumberland 		EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
DISCUSSION	Executive Director Mark Farley advised that UCHRA submitted the TANIF grant application for twenty-five million dollars and it was approved. Megan Spurgeon will be the department director over the program. Megan Spurgeon gave an overview of what will happen until the contract starts in November 1 st . There will be several positions that will be hired, 35 positions for UCHRA and 15-20 for the partners. UCHRA will be working with the partners to make sure that the contracts are in place.		

DISCUSSION	<p>We plan to have all positions identified by October. There will be a six-week bootcamp training held for the individuals hired. Megan thanked everyone for their input during the application process.</p> <p>Executive Director Mark Farley advised that the new positions will be hired throughout the Upper Cumberland. We need references from the group to help us fill the positions. If there are individuals in your community that qualify for the positions send those people to us.</p> <p>Executive Director Mark Farley advised that UCHRA will be developing a six-week bootcamp training program for the employees of Empower Upper Cumberland. The training program needs to be used to grow the Upper Cumberland region.</p> <p>Ms. Spurgeon advised that the Putnam County Circles Chapter will roll out in July. Circles was a main feature of the TANIF proposal. Circles USA have chapters throughout the United States but there are none in Tennessee. The end goal is to have eight different chapters throughout the Upper Cumberland. The Circles USA model is a relationship model for case management.</p> <p>Ms. Spurgeon advised that the job announcements for TANIF are listed on Empower Upper Cumberland.org, UCHRA and UCDD websites.</p> <p>Executive Director Mark Farley advised that UCHRA submitted a grant application to the Department of Corrections for a Day Reporting Center for the Upper Cumberland region. The purpose is to help individuals going through the court system with substance abuse issues. If the application is funded, we will start Day Reporting Centers in Warren, Smith, and Putnam counties.</p>
	UCHRA DASHBOARDS MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DISCUSSION	<p>LaNelle Godsey presented the UCHRA Community Services Dashboards for April, 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIHEAP - The agency had a small portion of Regular LIHEAP funds and we were utilizing those for Crisis funds. The agency recently received an additional contract for LIHEAP and we have been able to catch up with the waiting list. • The agency is still serving clients through the CARES CSBG for rental assistance and basic necessity vouchers. • Commodities and the Ensure Program are starting to increase. If individuals are needing Ensure, they can purchase it at the local county offices. • LIWAP – Currently we do not have a start date for the water program.
	ROUNDTABLE MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless Advocacy for Rural Tennessee • McMinnville Housing Project <p>Executive Director Mark Farley introduced Vivan Walker with the</p>

DISCUSSION	Homeless Advocacy for Rural Tennessee. Ms. Walker gave an overview of the services provided through the HART program.
	Mikel Miller gave an overview of the McMinnville Housing Project.
	OLD/NEW BUSINESS CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY
DISCUSSION	No old/new business was presented for discussion.
	PUBLIC COMMENTS CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY
DISCUSSION	There were no public comments presented.
	ADJOURN CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY
ADJOURN	Chairman Randy Heady advised that he would accept a motion to adjourn.
ACTION	<p>Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by: Sarah Marie Smith Motion seconded by: Paula Rodriguez</p> <p>The Policy Council members voted unanimously to adjourn the June 1, 2022 meeting.</p>
CONCLUSION 11:20 A.M.	



Chairman Randy Heady