

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

MINUTES	AUGUST 3, 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, Darrin Stout, LeAnn Cagle, Kristi Paling, Marie Ferran, Anne Stamps, Michael Burton, Barbara Wheeler, Don Hollingsworth, Billy Adcock, Linda Pastrick, Marilyn Davis		
MEMBERS ABSENT	Shaquawana Wester, Bill Gibson, Ethel Minor		
CALL TO ORDER		CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY	
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES		CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY	
DISCUSSION	Chairman Randy Heady asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2022 Policy Council meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes.		
ACTION	<u>Motion to Approve</u> Motion made by: Sarah Marie Smith Motion seconded by: Marie Ferran Chairman Randy Heady asked for discussion on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.		
UCHRA PROGRAM REPORT		MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
DISCUSSION	Executive Director Mark Farley advised that the hiring process for Empower Upper Cumberland has started. The Operations Director and Quality Control positions have been filled and we are currently identifying the Core Navigator positions. Empower is progressing and we are currently working with our core partners. A meeting was held last week with Commissioner Carter and his team. They reported that Upper Cumberland is further along than any of the other grantees. Executive Director Mark Farley advised that the training center that is		

<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>being developed through the Highlands Economic Partnership will be a certified training program by the State of Tennessee.</p> <p>Executive Director Mark Farley advised that UCHRA was awarded funding to start three-day reporting centers in the Upper Cumberland region. The agency is working with Michael Burton and his team along with State Probation to get the program started. We will be dealing with felony offenders coming through the court system that are substance abuse related cases. We will also be working with State Probation clients to get them stabilized and the skills they need to get back in the workplace. The day reporting centers will be in Smith, Warren and Putnam counties. We will be serving thirteen counties in the Upper Cumberland region. Fentress County falls under a different judicial district and may be out of our service area.</p> <p>The Community Needs Assessment was distributed. Executive Director Mark Farley asked the Policy Council members for their input on the Assessment. The Needs Assessment gives the agency an understanding of what services are needed in the communities.</p>
	<p>UCHRA DASHBOARDS LANELLE GODSEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR/ COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR</p>
<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>LaNelle Godsey introduced Jordan Herald, Community Services Assistant Director. Jordan will be responsible for the Community Services Block (CSBG) grant program.</p> <p>LaNelle reported on programs in the Community Services department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dashboards The binders include all the Community Services Dashboards for the past year. The LIHWAP program has been added to the dashboard. • Covid Rental Assistance Program THDA reached out to UCHRA to see if the agency would be willing to help clients enroll in the Covid Rental Assistance Program. The agency is looking forward to working with the program. • In-Home Service UCHRA is searching for in-home service workers. Wages for the in-home workers have been raised to \$12.50 an hour. We are desperately in need of in-home service workers in Pickett, Overton, and Clay counties. • Conflict of Interest Forms Conflict of Interest forms were distributed to the Policy Council members for signature.
	<p>ROUNDTABLE MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Behavioral Health • Tennessee Healthcare Campaign
<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Executive Director Mark Farley introduced Anne Stamps with Volunteer Behavioral Health. Ms. Stamps gave an overview of the services provided by Volunteer Behavioral Health.</p>

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	OLD/NEW BUSINESS CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY
DISCUSSION	No old/new business was presented for discussion.
	PUBLIC COMMENTS CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY
DISCUSSION	Mayor Sarah Marie Smith thanked Ms. Stamps, Mr. Savage, and Ms. Reynolds for all that they do for the communities.
	ADJOURN CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY
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ACTION	<p><u>Motion to Adjourn:</u> Motion made by: Marie Ferran Motion seconded by: Don Hollingsworth</p> <p>The Policy Council members voted unanimously to adjourn the August 3, 2022 meeting.</p>
CONCLUSION 11:45 A.M.	


Chairman Randy Heady