

Policy Council Meeting Agenda | February 7, 2024

1. **Call to Order | Randy Heady, Chairman**
2. **Roll Call | Sherry Thurman**
3. **Approval of Minutes | Randy Heady, Chairman**
 - a. October 4, 2023
4. **UCHRA Dashboards & Satisfaction Survey Results | LaNelle Godsey, Deputy Director/Community Services Director**
5. **Roundtable | LaNelle Godsey, Deputy Director/Community Services Director**
 - a. Overview of the TQEE Network
 - b. TQEE/Brightstart
 - c. Fatherhood Initiative
6. **State of the Child – Tennessee Report | Kristy Paling**
7. **Old/New Business | Randy Heady, Chairman**
8. **Public Comments | Randy Heady, Chairman**
9. **Adjourn | Randy Heady, Chairman**

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

DRAFT MINUTES	OCTOBER 4, 2023	10:30 A.M.	COOKEVILLE, TN
MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman Randy Heady called the meeting to order.		
TYPE OF MEETING	UCHRA Policy Council		
FACILITATOR	Chairman Randy Heady		
NOTETAKER	Sherry Thurman		
MEMBERS PRESENT	Randy Heady, Sam Gibson, Charlene Whitaker, Keisha Richards, Kristi Paling, Brent Anderson, Marie Ferran, Bill Gibson, Michael Burton, Misty Phy, Barbara Wheeler, Don Hollingsworth, Linda Pastrick, Marilyn Davis		
MEMBERS ABSENT	Marvin Lusk, Cindy Putman, Terri Dunn, Anne Stamps, Bob Depriest		
	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 August 2, 2023 Policy Council meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes.		
ACTION	<p><u>Motion to Approve</u> Motion made by: Don Hollingsworth Motion seconded by: Bill Gibson Chairman Randy Heady asked for discussion on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>		
	UCHRA DASHBOARDS LANELLE GODSEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR/ COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR		
DISCUSSION	Jordan Herald gave an update on the Community Services programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict of Interest forms were provided for the Policy Council members to sign. • Dashboard for July and August, 2023 were discussed. The new program year for LIHEAP has started. • County office staff is going through training for the new program year. • The LIHWAP program was a one-time assistance program and will not be renewed. 		

	<p>UCHRA ROUNDTABLE MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Updates on Senior Expo and Caregiver Programs *Community Partnerships at the County Level *Upcoming Initiative on Fatherhood at the State Level
<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Holly Williams, Director of the Area Agency on Aging and Disability, advised that the department provides a wide array of services to older adults, adults with disabilities and caregivers. The AAAD Program Guide was distributed which highlights the programs that the aging department administers. Holly introduced Lynn Drew, Family Caregiver Coordinator and Meghian Moore, Management Information Specialist and Benefits Program Manager with the AAAD.</p> <p>Lynn Drew advised that the aging department is currently planning the Senior Caregiver Expo. The Expo will be held October 24th at Life Church in Cookeville. Free lunches will be provided to the attendees. We currently have over fifty sponsors. There will be a prescription drug take back at the event. Individuals can bring any unused, expired, or unwanted medications for safe disposal at the event. The Expo provides match funds for the Family Caregiver program. The program offers services, support and respite to caregivers.</p> <p>Meghian Moore advised that the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) program offers free non-bias Medicare counseling information and education to anyone that has Medicare. Medicare open enrollment dates are October 15th thru December 7th. AAAD staff compares Medicare plans for individuals and finds the most affordable plan for them. Staff will also assist individuals in enrolling in a plan; filing Medicare appeals; and reporting Medicare fraud. Staff also helps low income individuals apply for help to pay for their medication. Several open enrollment events are planned from October through December in all 14 Upper Cumberland counties. If you know of someone that would like to volunteer to help with open enrollment let us know.</p>
<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Executive Director Mark Farley introduced Shelia Roberson, White County Coordinator; Carrie Baker, Warren County Coordinator and Heather Thomas, Putnam County Coordinator to discuss community connections/partnerships that they have with their county.</p>
<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Executive Director Mark Farley advised that the State of Tennessee is part of an OPIOID settlement lawsuit. The state has forty to fifty million dollars that will be distributed across the State of Tennessee. The agency has been working with a couple of nonprofits and Vanderbilt Medical Hospital to apply for a four million dollar grant over a three-year period. The grant would cover all fourteen counties to build an Ecosystem and work with doctors and health departments to reach individuals before they get to far along in the addiction issue. We will submit the application within the next couple of weeks.</p>
<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Executive Director Mark Farley discussed an upcoming initiative on Fatherhood at the state level. The state is rolling out a five-year strategic initiative with funding to do messaging, programs, improve policies, and to do research and innovation. A three-tier grant program will be</p>

DISCUSSION	available at the end of the year or the first of 2024 on how to tackle the lack of fathers in the home today. Discussion was held on ideas/suggestions to development a fatherhood program.
	OLD/NEW BUSINESS CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY
DISCUSSION	No old business was presented for discussion. Keisha Richards announced that as of October 1 st Cumberland County/Crossville Housing Authority has shut their one-bedroom list down.
	PUBLIC COMMENTS CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY
DISCUSSION	There were no public comments presented.
	ADJOURN CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY
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ACTION	Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by: Marie Ferran Motion seconded by: Barbara Wheeler The Policy Council members voted unanimously to adjourn the October 5, 2023 meeting.
CONCLUSION 11:30 a.m.	

Chairman Randy Heady