

Policy Council Meeting Agenda | April 3, 2024

1. **Call to Order | Randy Heady, Chairman**
2. **Roll Call | Sherry Thurman**
3. **Approval of Minutes | Randy Heady, Chairman**
 - a. February 7, 2024
4. **CSBG | LaNelle Godsey, Deputy Director/Community Services Director**
 - a. Dashboards
 - b. Overview of Community Action Agencies
 - c. UCHRA Bylaws
5. **Roundtable | Mark Farley, Executive Director**
 - a. Anna Lea Cothron, System Transformation Director with the Tennessee Division of TennCare
6. **Old/New Business | Randy Heady, Chairman**
7. **Public Comments | Randy Heady, Chairman**
8. **Adjourn | Randy Heady, Chairman**

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

DRAFT MINUTES	FEBRUARY 7, 2024	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, Marvin Lusk, Charlene Whitaker, Keisha Richards, Cindy Putman, Kristi Paling, Marie Ferran, Bill Gibson, Bill Gibson, Barbara Wheeler, Don Hollingsworth, Linda Pastrick, Marilyn Davis		
MEMBERS ABSENT	Brent Anderson, Terri Dunn, Anne Stamps, Michael Burton, Misty Phy, 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 October 4, 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: Marvin Lusk</p> <p>Chairman Randy Heady asked for discussion on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>		
	UCHRA DASHBOARDS AND SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS	LANELLE GODSEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR/COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR	
DISCUSSION	<p>LaNelle Godsey gave an update on the Community Services programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dashboards through December, 2023 were presented to the Policy Council. The mega commodity event that was recently held served significantly more people in each county. No dollar amount was reflected on the dashboards for LIHEAP because we were waiting on a new contract, but, we continued to sign up clients for regular commodities and LIHEAP. We have received the contract and are ready to get all the payments out. • We currently have a couple thousand dollars available for LIWAP. These funds are not recurring. They were provided as a one-time 		

<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>federal funding. Discussion was held on what can be done to get more funding for the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weatherization – For this year, all units have been completed. • Satisfaction Surveys were completed in all fourteen counties. LaNelle highlighted the results of the surveys. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One hundred fifty-seven surveys were completed. • Eleven counties had new clients that never received services. • Thirty-one clients stated it was their first time visiting the county UCHRA office. • One hundred fifty-six clients received fair treatment. • One hundred fifty-one clients stated that the assistance help to increase the income available for their household. • All one hundred fifty-seven clients stated they were satisfied with the services that they received.
	<p>UCHRA ROUNDTABLE LANELLE GODSEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR/ COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Overview of the TQEE Network b. TQEE/Brightstart c. Fatherhood Initiative
<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Megan Choate, Director of the Economic Development department at the Upper Cumberland Development District advised that the department has been working with the Empower Upper Cumberland to explore the removal of broader barriers hindering workforce entry. Megan introduced her team members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosa Smith has been working to improve the landscape for child care providers; administering federal grants that are creating additional slots across the region; she helped facilitate a connection with the Brightstart network; Rosa has been looking at the rules and regulations of what it takes to open and operate a child care facility and advocate for legislative change for availability of child care slots. • Charles Cobb is diligently addressing the challenges within affordable housing for the working population to pinpoint best practices and facilitate change that encourages further development in that realm. • Shelia Scruggs has been researching the need for a fatherhood program that would support fathers in the region. <p>Rosa Smith gave an overview of the Tennesseans for Quality Early Education and Brightstart Network.</p> <p>Megan Choate advised that the Development District is working toward a potential fatherhood initiative. Several meetings have been conducted to initiate discussions on the needs of fathers and the needs for the region. A presentation was held outlining the potential structure of a program and its envisioned benefits for the region.</p>

	STATE OF THE CHILD – TENNESSEE REPORT	KRISTI PALING
DISCUSSION	Kristi Paling gave a presentation on the 2023 State of the Child – Tennessee Report provided by the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth.	
	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><u>Motion to Adjourn:</u> Motion made by: Bill Gibson Motion seconded by: Marie Ferran</p> <p>The Policy Council members voted unanimously to adjourn the February 7, 2024 meeting.</p>	
CONCLUSION 11:45 a.m.		

Chairman Randy Heady