

Policy Council Meeting Agenda | April 5, 2023

1. **Call to Order | Randy Heady, Chairman**
2. **Roll Call | Sherry Thurman**
3. **Approval of Minutes | Randy Heady, Chairman**
 - a. February 1, 2023
4. **UCHRA Program Report | Mark Farley, Executive Director**
 - a. Overview of the Highlands Training Center | Ryan Barnhart
 - b. CSBG Needs Assessment | Jordan Herald
 - c. Strategic Plan | Mark Farley and LaNelle Godsey
5. **UCHRA Dashboards | LaNelle Godsey, Deputy Director/Community Services Director**
6. **Roundtable | Mark Farley, Executive Director**
 - a. Legislative Issues
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	FEBRUARY 1, 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, Keisha Richards, Kristi Paling, Marie Ferran, Anne Stamps, Barbara Wheeler, Bob Depriest, Linda Pastrick		
MEMBERS ABSENT	Marvin Lusk, Charlene Whitaker, Cindy Putman, Brent Anderson, Terri Dunn, Bill Gibson, Michael Burton, Katelyn Hicks, Don Hollingsworth, 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 October 5, 2022 Policy Council meeting.		
	A motion was made to approve the minutes.		
ACTION	<p><u>Motion to Approve</u> Motion made by: Linda Pastrick Motion seconded by: Anne Stamps Chairman Randy Heady asked for discussion on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>		
	<p>UCHRA PROGRAM REPORT MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *Empower Update and Enrollment Process *Day Reporting Center Update *Opioid Summit Findings</p>		
DISCUSSION	<p>Executive Director Mark Farley advised that participants are being enrolled in the Empower Program.</p> <p>Megan Spurgeon gave an update on the Empower Program and the enrollment process. As of last week, six participants have been enrolled and we are working on enrolling two participants this week. The agency did not have access to the system where enrollments were processed until last week. We are asking people to give us two weeks to fully vet the system to make sure the work flow and processes are good and everyone has been trained. Enrollments will officially open on February 15th. Clients can go to the website EmpowerUpperCumberland.org to apply for services. Within two business days</p>		

<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>someone will be in contact with the client to get the process started.</p> <p>Mrs. Spurgeon gave an update on the research funding for the program. For the first 700-750 families that enroll into the system, as long as they are eligible, the system will determine if they fall into the navigation side or the system group.</p> <p>Executive Director Mark Farley advised that UCHRA is starting a Day Reporting Center working through the court system to provide a structured substance abuse program. The program has started and we have our first two clients through the court system. The Centers are located in Warren, Smith, and Putnam counties and will serve the three judicial districts that fall into these areas.</p> <p>Executive Director Mark Farley advised that an Opioid Summit was held on Tuesday, January 31st at the Development District. Some of the conversation from the meeting that needs to be addressed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in legislation about vaping. • Establish some new proven evidence base programs for prevention. • We need physicians and pharmacies involved in the conversation. • Improve treatment capacity • The importance of our faith-based partners <p>Kristi Paling advised that Power of Putnam is doing some work in the school system and with the parents targeting vaping.</p> <p>Mrs. Paling also advised that there is a documentary, (Love in the Time of Fentanyl), by WCTE that is being screened at Derryberry Hall on Thursday, February 3rd, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The event is open to the public.</p>
	<p>UCHRA DASHBOARDS LANELLE GODSEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR/ COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR</p>
<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>LaNelle Godsey presented and gave an update on the Community Services Dashboards for September through December, 2022.</p>
	<p>ROUNDTABLE MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p>
<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Kristi Paling gave a presentation on the 2022 State of the Child Count Report provided by the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth.</p> <p>Mrs. Paling announced that the Blue-Ribbon Committee will be hosting a training on suicide prevention and mental health awareness on April 28, 2023. The training will be held at the Upper Cumberland Development District.</p> <p>Mrs. Paling announced that the Children Advocacy Days will be held March 7-8, 2023 in Nashville. TCCY is accepting nominations for the Jim Pryor Advocacy Award for Youth Excellence. If there is someone that has done some extraordinary advocacy work for children and if there is a youth that has been touched by the juvenile justice system prior to the age of 28 or younger that has turned their life around let her know.</p>

DISCUSSION	<p>Mrs. Paling announced that the Upper Cumberland Council on Children and Youth will be hosting a mental health lunch and learn on February 7th, 14th, 21st, and the 28th. If anyone is interest in attending the virtual event let her know.</p> <p>Mrs. Paling announced that their annual legislative breakfast will be held at the Development District on April 14, 2023.</p> <p>Vickie Durham gave an update on the Relative Caregiver Program. The program is administered by the Upper Cumberland Development District in all fourteen counties. Relative is defined by first, second, or third-degree relative child. The caregiver has to be at twenty-one years of age or older. The program helps with summer camp, electric bills, utility bills, rent payment, and household basics. Clients can contact Melissa Allison, or Vicki Beck and they will access them. Ms. Durham advised that for the first time ever, the Development District applied for the grant and was awarded the 2 ½ year grant to run the program. A bill was passed in January, 2021 that a relative caregiver family can now qualify for half of a foster award payment per day per child which equals \$15.51 per child per day.</p>
	<p>OLD/NEW BUSINESS CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY</p>
DISCUSSION	No old/new business was presented for discussion.
	<p>PUBLIC COMMENTS CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY</p>
DISCUSSION	There were no public comments presented.
	<p>ADJOURN CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY</p>
ADJOURN	Chairman Randy Heady advised that he would accept a motion to adjourn.
ACTION	<p><u>Motion to Adjourn:</u> Motion made by: Marie Ferran Motion seconded by: Keisha Richards</p> <p>The Policy Council members voted unanimously to adjourn the February 15, 2023 meeting.</p>
CONCLUSION 11:30 a.m.	

Chairman Randy Heady