

Policy Council Meeting Agenda | August 7, 2024

1. **Call to Order | Randy Heady, Chairman**
2. **Roll Call | Sherry Thurman**
3. **Approval of Minutes | Randy Heady, Chairman**
 - a. June 5, 2024
4. **UCHRA Program Update | Mark Farley, Executive Director**
 - a. Empower Upper Cumberland
5. **CSBG | LaNelle Godsey, Deputy Director/Community Services Director**
 - a. CSBG Dashboards for May and June
 - b. Community Action Plan/Community Needs Update
6. **Roundtable | Mark Farley, Executive Director**
 - a. Poverty Training for Upper Cumberland
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	JUNE 5, 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, Keisha Richards, Zack Gilpin, Kristi Paling, Marie Ferran, Misty Phy, Barbara Wheeler, Linda Pastrick, Marilyn Davis		
MEMBERS ABSENT	Marvin Lusk, Charlene Whitaker, Cindy Putman, Terri Dunn, Bill Gibson, Anne Stamps, Michael Burton, Bob DePriest		
	CALL TO ORDER	CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY	
CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Randy Heady called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.		
	ROLL CALL		
	Sherry Thurman called the roll and the attendance is recorded above. There was a quorum of the committee members present.		
ROLL CALL	Chairman Heady announced the passing of Mr. Don Hollingsworth, a long-serving member of the Policy Council. Executive Director Mark Farley shared the news of the sudden passing of Charlie Frasier's wife; Mr. Frasier is an employee in the UCHRA transportation department. Mayor Sam Gibson reported the unexpected passing of City Council member Rex Thompkins in Byrdstown. A prayer was offered in honor of these individuals.		
	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY	
DISCUSSION	Chairman Randy Heady asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024 Policy Council meeting.		
	A motion was made to approve the minutes.		
ACTION	<p><u>Motion to Approve</u> Motion made by: Marie Ferran Motion seconded by: Linda Pastrick</p> <p>Chairman Randy Heady asked for discussion on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>		

	<p>UCHRA PROGRAM UPDATE MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Executive Director Mark Farley gave an update on the UCHRA programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empower Upper Cumberland – UCHRA received three million dollars a year and a half ago for a three-year pilot program. As a pilot program, it includes a research component. The agency is close to reaching its target numbers, so the research phase will conclude soon, allowing us to focus solely on helping families. We are gaining valuable insights to better assist struggling families. • Transportation – Public transportation is making steady progress. The new software is enhancing the agency's efficiency, enabling us to work with drivers to improve their pay rates, which will help us attract additional drivers. • Community Services – LaNelle Godsey will provide an overview of the programs later in the agenda.
	<p>CSBG LANELLE GODSEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR/COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSBG Monitoring • Dashboards • Conflict of Interest
DISCUSSION	<p>LaNelle Godsey presented the March and April dashboards. In March, we completed the water program funds and served 573 individuals. LIWAP will continue to show zero on the dashboards until the federal program ends in September. While the regular LIHEAP was slow in March, we saw a significant increase in April. Additionally, in April, our staff dedicated substantial time to the rental assistance program, helping 195 households.</p> <p>The agency is interested in helping people move up and out of poverty. To this end, we are forming a partnership with Clinch Powell to provide individual counseling on budgeting. Clinch Powell will be utilizing an office at our central office, and individuals can reach out to them for assistance.</p> <p>LaNelle Godsey also reported that the Community Services Block Grant underwent a monitoring visit. Overall, the monitors were pleased with the program, but there was one finding: not all Policy Council members had signed a Conflict of Interest form. LaNelle mentioned that a form is included in their packet and asked the members to sign it and pass it to the staff to ensure we have everyone's form. For members absent today, we will send an email requesting them to send in their signed forms.</p>
	<p>UCHRA ROUNDTABLE MARK FARLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Executive Director Mark Farley introduced Cheryl Cox from UCHRA. Cheryl has been with the agency for thirty-five years and will be retiring at the end of June. She has been working with the Community Corrections Program, which has recently transitioned from a probation-based program to a substance abuse-focused program. Cheryl will provide an update on the Day Reporting Center and its progress.</p>

<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Cheryl Cox introduced Melissa Hoisington, who will be succeeding her in her position. Cheryl noted that the program has been with the agency for thirty-eight years. Two years ago, the grant was revised to include drug and alcohol services. This led to the establishment of three-Day Reporting Centers: one in Smith County, covering five counties; one in Putnam County, covering seven counties; and one in Warren County, covering two counties.</p> <p>Executive Director Mark Farley explained that individuals coming through the criminal court system who are deemed rehabilitated are being directed to this program instead of being incarcerated.</p> <p>Cheryl introduced three members of the clinical staff to update the Policy Council members on the program's progress so far.</p> <p>Executive Director Mark Farley announced that UCHRA has secured three years of OPIOID Abatement funding from the state, totaling \$5.2 million. This funding will be used to build a network to assist not only the criminal justice system but also the broader community.</p> <p>UCHRA has partnered with Vanderbilt Medical Center, which will implement their HUB and Spoke model to facilitate treatment access. Additionally, One Tennessee, a non-profit organization that works with healthcare providers, will offer education on the early identification of individuals with substance abuse issues. With this funding, UCHRA will also be able to hire a certified peer recovery specialist in each of the fourteen counties. The goal is to embed these specialists into existing non-profits already working within the communities.</p> <p>The Department of Corrections recognizes this as a successful model and is interested in expanding the services the agency can offer through partnerships. In the future, through the Day Reporting Centers, we could partner with other agencies to provide some mental health assistance alongside substance abuse support.</p> <p>Executive Director Mark Farley asked the Policy Council members to identify gaps in programs that affect families in their communities. Members shared ideas specific to their counties.</p>
	<p>OLD/NEW BUSINESS CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY</p>
<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>There were no/old business presented for discussion.</p>
	<p>PUBLIC COMMENTS CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY</p>
<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Marilyn Davis announced that the McMinnville Senior Center is expanding.</p>
	<p>ADJOURN CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY</p>
<p>ADJOURN</p>	<p>Chairman Randy Heady advised that he would accept a motion to adjourn.</p>

ACTION

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion made by: Linda Pastrick

Motion seconded by: Marilyn Davis

The Policy Council members voted unanimously to adjourn the June 5, 2024 meeting.

CONCLUSION

11:30 a.m.

Chairman Randy Heady