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A moment to focus on the good our team is doing every day



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DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS DISCUSS STRATEGIC PLANNING AND MORE DURING TWO-DAY EVENT



Department directors and members of the administrative team recently participated in an immersive two-day retreat led by UCDD-UCHRA Executive Director Mark Farley.

The focus was on discussing topics related to the UCDD and UCHRA Strategic Plan, exploring the future of the agencies, and refining vision and mission statements, among other important matters.

Additionally, department directors had the chance to voice their concerns and share ideas throughout the retreat.

Thank you, Mr. Farley, for organizing the opportunity!

HAPPENING TODAY

LAST 2025 UCDD EMPLOYEE MTG. SET FOR THIS AFTERNOON

From Executive Director Mark Farley: "[Friday] is our final employee meeting for the Development District. If you missed your scheduled meeting,, feel free to join us in the conference room at 2:30 p.m."

These meetings will provide an opportunity for employees to discuss their job responsibilities. After each meeting, time will be allocated for questions about the agency and our programs.

DONATE BOOKS TO UC RECOVERY

UCHRA is currently accepting donations for the Day Reporting Center (DRC) program's libraries for clients. The DRC program serves clients from all 14 counties. Donations will make a direct impact across the Upper Cumberland region.

For more information, please contact Melissa Hoisington or Pam Sanford within UCHRA's Community Intervention department.



SECOND-ANNUAL UCDD CHILI CONTEST SLATED FOR FEB. 27

Attention all chili enthusiasts, culinary wizards, and flavor fanatics! We're thrilled to announce the second-annual UCDD Chili Cookoff, where the competition is hot, and the flavors are even hotter.

In addition to the coveted bragging rights of being the top chili chef, there are awards and prizes up for grabs for the winning dishes.

The contest will take place beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 in the UCDD kitchen.

For questions or more information, please contact Marcie Ackerman by phone: (931) 476-4175 or by email: mackerman@ucdd.org.



DISCUSSING RECOVERY HOUSING, SUPPORT IN SMITH CO.



Community partners, UCDD and UCHRA team members, consultants, and others are taking steps to establish recovery housing by securing funding, identifying property sites, and engaging community support.

Currently, those involved are researching various financing options and potential development partners to create stable housing for individuals in recovery. Efforts also focus on educating the public to reduce stigma and gain support from state agencies and policymakers.

Additionally, community organizations are being consulted to provide oversight, job training, and essential services, while legal considerations, including landlord-tenant laws and Section 8 eligibility, are being reviewed. With a strategic, multi-faceted approach, the group aims to develop a sustainable recovery housing program to support long-term rehabilitation efforts.

WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION

To help the Upper Cumberland region cultivate self-sufficiency and build true wealth through innovation, collaboration, and leadership.

OUR VISION

A region abundant in resources, fostering a productive and vibrant life for the people of the Upper Cumberland.

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