

Full Council Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2023

Attendees: Lori Adkins (Oakland Schools), Shane Bies (Oakland County Health & Human Services), Breanna Bradley (PACE), David Cipriano (Hospitality House), Anne Ginn (Forgotten Harvest), Arjan Kallou (United Community Family Services), Angelya Higginbotham (OCHD), Carrie Hribar (Oakland County Health & Human Services), Theresa Krell (Trinity Health), Bre'Anna Koenig (Macomb County Health Department), Whitney Litzner (PHAB), Jessica Loton Williams (Fair Food Network), Jennifer Lucarelli (Oakland University), Lauren Marks-Strauss (United Way of Southeastern Michigan), Kelsey Merz (OCHD), Kristin Olmedo (United Community Family Services), Bridget Prohaszka (community resident), Alejandra Solorzano (Benefit Data Trust), Chad Techner (Metro Food Rescue), Lindsay TerHaar (OCHD), Cassie Thierfelder (United Way of Southeastern Michigan), Amanda Woods (Oakland County Health & Human Services), Madelyne Wright (OLHSA), Joann Wrobel (OCHD)

Special Guest: Lisa Banks, Oakland County Health Division

Guest Speaker: Lisa Banks, WIC Supervisor, Oakland County Health Division

Amanda welcomed Lisa Banks, WIC Supervisor. Lisa provided an overview about WIC programming post-COVID era waivers. PowerPoint presentation with program information and details plus support group flyers are attached.

Policy Updates

- Federal Updates:
 - A continuing resolution (CR) was passed to fund the federal government. Veterans Affairs, Transportation, Housing, Agriculture (including WIC), and Energy are funded through January 19, 2024; and the funding is extended through February 2, 2024 for State Dept., Defense Dept., Homeland Security, and other remaining agencies.
 - FY24 Budget appropriations maintains WIC funding at current level and does not increase funding. FY24 funding would not meet project caseload demand, and programs may need to turn away eligible families. It would also decrease the Cash Value Benefit (CVB) for fruits and vegetables. [Read this article from Center for Budget and Policy Priorities on the budget proposal.](#)
 - SNAP work requirements and other eligibility guidelines for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) will go into effect in Michigan on March 1, 2024.

- State Updates:
 - [Senate Bill 500](#), “Healthy School Meals for All,” would codify universal school meals in into law. There is support for this bill, however progress has slowed while legislators determine how/if private school students would be eligible under this program as well.
 - [House Bill 5097](#), “Hunger Free Campus,” would require Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to designate public institutions campus as “hunger free” by meeting several requirements detailed in the bill summary.

Coalition Survey

In 2023, Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) administered an evidenced-based coalition assessment tool to all OCHD facilitated coalitions to gauge the health of the coalitions and partnerships, and provide recommendations for potential coalition improvement areas (i.e., resources, meetings, etc.).

The survey was open for one month and collected 15 unique responses. The full report will be shared by end of calendar year. Group reviewed the highest and lowest scoring measures, and then participated in a Menti poll to prioritize next steps for the lower scoring items. The Menti final results are included in the PowerPoint. Amanda will bring results and proposed strategies to the new chair (see update below) in 2024.

Workgroup Updates

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) workgroup: Workgroup members are finalizing key informant interviews. In December, members will theme and code the interviews. Results will be used to guide 2024 efforts.
- Leadership Committee: Leadership committee members will interview two candidates in December, with the goal to elect a new chair starting in January 2024. Amanda and Carrie thanked Theresa Krell and Whitney Litzner, interim co-chairs, for their time and dedication.
- Farm Bill: Members continue to work on education campaigns for SNAP and TEFAP. Members will meet at the conclusion of the OCFPC meeting.

Introductions & Partner Updates

Member introductions were made. The following council members also shared offers, asks, and news.

- David Bowman: Trinity Health Oakland is conducting their Community Health Needs

Assessment. Please share the survey <https://bit.ly/OaklandCHNA23>. Flyer is attached.

- Joann Wrobel: OCHD is developing a Preconception Nutrition and Wellness Program. Contact Joann at wrobelj@oakgov.com if you would like to participate.
- Jessica Lofton-Williams: Double Up is back to earning \$20/day with no spending limit. [Learn more and find a location.](#)
- Madelyne Wright: Contact madelynew@olhsa.org if you have ideas for after school food sites

Amanda concluded the meeting and members broke out into Farm Bill workgroups.

Next Meeting: Reminder January meeting will be held in person

January 16, 2024 from 9-10:30 AM, Oakland County Health Division, North Oakland Health Center, Third Floor Conference Room