

Haywood County Health Council Meeting: June 8, 2021 (virtual)

Minutes Written by: Peggy Jackson

Present: Cindy Smith, Elise Powell, Karen Jones, Peggy Jackson, Vicki Lake, Tim King, Megan Sills, Jay Boyd, Anita Ratliff, Undrae Johnson, Shalondria Shaw, Mayor William Rawls, (sp?)Synita Harris

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cindy Smith. Introductions were made. Undrae Johnson motioned to approve the March 9, 2021 minutes as written; seconded by Shalondria Shaw. The motion carried.

Old Business:

Cindy Smith, Coordinated School Health, reported health screenings completed and sent to Nashville. Wellness Policy for Haywood County Schools is applied for with everything in place except changes needed to snack machines. These will be monitored by Denita Baxter and Cindy Smith.

Nutrition/physical activity have been included with PE which gives partial compliance. Staff wellness efforts are to be increased. Physical activity in elementary schools comply due to recess. HMS/HHS need compliance for lack of activity. Peggy Jackson said the Family Resource Centers continue to use Face Book to address health topics. Staff assisted with "Farmers to Families" fresh food distributions. End of year activities, including physical fitness ideas, went home with all students pk-2<sup>nd</sup>. Four camps are receiving activities for 3 weeks from the Centers. The ARC, parent engagement for families of special needs students, has chosen Haywood County as a pilot area for programming and first sessions were held in May at Parks-N-Rec. Anica Alderson of UT Extension agent will be at the Healthy Men's Health Fair on June 12. Karen Jones, TSU Extension agent, reported 14 of 74 enrolled in the 10K Challenge were from Haywood County and 2 regional winners were from Haywood County. The Challenge ended May 31 with 19 completing 10K steps. Elise Powell gave detailed Covid 19 information reporting cases have dwindled, stating testing is available Tue/Thur. Moderna vaccines ages 18+ and Pfizer ages 12+ are offered at the Health Dept. As of June 1, Haywood County had 6,319 (36.5%) of at least 1 dose and 5308 (37.8%) two doses. Highest age group being 70+. Vaccines are free and no one is turned away. Vaccines are planned to be offered thru school sports teams with parental consent. Elise encouraged asking providers or visiting the Health Dept. for FACTS-vs-MYTHS info and also visiting the TN Dept. of Health website.

New Business:

Mayor William Rawls spoke of the "Men's Healthy Moves" free screenings for June 12 from 9-12 at City Hall. Anita Ratliff spoke of CHANT as referrals are being collected at the Health Dept. Tim King congratulated Stanton for receiving a grant for "needs assessment" for more walkable/accessible community. He reported Haywood County has accomplished much to repair bridges, parks, and completing the "Green Way" connecting parks. Possible grant funding for environment/health projects is likely. Mayor Rawls gave update on tremendous progress with hospital reopening hopefully late Oct./Nov. with appx. 130 jobs. Also announced "Storybook Trail" grant received.

Announcements: Mayor Rawls encouraged all to spread the word about Saturday, June 12 for free Men's Health screenings from 9-12 at City Hall.

Adjournment: Motioned by Peggy Jackson; seconded by Mayor William Rawls. The motion carried.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2021 from 11:00am – 12:00pm