



## CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FORT LIBERTY & CUMBERLAND COUNTY FOOD POLICY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 8th, 2024, 6:00-7:30pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** *LTC Katina Foxworth, Fort Liberty Co-Chair*  
*Robert Elliott, Farming/Agriculture Representative*  
*Shannon Gettings, Healthcare Representative*  
*Kenny Bailey, Local Government Representative*  
*Clifton Johnson, Community Representative*  
*Shella Korch, Public Health Representative*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** *Alexis McClain, Farming/Agriculture Representative*

**STAFF PRESENT:** *Martina Sconiers-Talbert, Cumberland County Grant Manager*  
*Amy Lo, FPC/WIC CIAO Liaison*  
*Tamra Morris, Deputy Health Director*  
*LaToya Bell, WIC Outreach Coordinator*  
*Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director*

### Item 1. Call to Order:

*LTC Katina Foxworth* welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Approval of December Regular Meeting Minutes.

Approval of January Agenda.

### Item 2. Action Items:

*LTC Foxworth, Ft. Liberty Co-Chair*

- a. WIC CIAO Partner Survey due January 29th
  - i. *Amy Lo* explained that the WIC CIAO Partner Survey assesses how much partners know about WIC in order to gauge progress on WIC efforts.
- b. By Law Revision *Amy Lo, FPC Liaison*
  - i. “If the co-chairs would like to extend their term by one year, the council will conduct a vote to approve or deny the extension.”
  - ii. *Amy Lo* will make these changes as well as changes to Article V S I point 8 regarding living and working in Cumberland County to align with Commissioner’s desire that council members must live in Cumberland County.  
MOTION: *Shella Korch* moves to approve changes.  
VOTE: *Approved (5-0)*
- c. Prospective Member: Joyce Adams
  - i. *Joyce Adams* is the Vice President of Strategic Plans and Programs of AEVEX Aerospace in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Prior to joining AEVEX, Joyce served as a Federal Government Civilian for thirty-four years, the majority of her tenure as part of our nation's most elite Special Operations forces. Additionally, she serves on the Board of

Trustees for Fayetteville State University. She is excited to serve Ft. Liberty in any capacity.

- ii. *LTC Katina Foxworth* offers the Higher Education position for *Joyce Adams* to fill if she is approved by the Board of Commissioners, and *Joyce Adams* is agreeable. *Amy Lo* will follow up with updates and orientation.

MOTION: *LTC Katina Foxworth* moves to approve *Joyce Adam's* membership and recommend her to the Board of Commissioners

VOTE: *Unanimous (6-0)*

- d. NCDOT Pedestrian Safety Improvement Program Update ***Tamra Morris, Deputy Health Director***

- i. *Tamra Morris* gave a summary of her and *Dr. Jennifer Green's* experience with NCDOT Pedestrian Safety Improvement Program. They surveyed a portion of a street for pedestrian hazards such as the absence of crosswalk sounds or dangerous curbs. They extended an invitation to the Food Policy Council to join the steering committee for the City of Fayetteville's Pedestrian Plan so a perspective on food insecurity is present. Those meetings will occur 3 times over a 12-month period.
- ii. *Shella Korch* expressed interest but requested more details on the meeting times. *Tamra Morris* will update as she gets information.

### Item 3. Workgroup - Commissioner Keefe

***LTC Foxworth, Ft. Liberty Co-Chair***

- a. Introductions
  - i. *Commissioner Keefe* was not present for this meeting due to miscommunication on dates. *Dr. Jennifer Green* will continue to reach out to his team to coordinate a different date for him to join.
- b. Farmers Market Discussion
- c. General Questions for Commissioner Keefe
  - i. A list of questions was posted on Basecamp from *Robert Elliott and Shannon Gettings*. *Dr. Jennifer Green* had the opportunity to see the questions prior to this month's meeting and was able to address a few of them. However, she prefaced the discussion with the fact that the Farmer's Market proposal is still very much in its idea stage and no planning has taken place.
    1. Will the Farmers Market accept EBT/WIC?
      - a. *Robert Elliott* raised this question to point out that in other Farmer's Markets, acceptance of EBT/WIC is very chaotic and unorganized.
      - b. *Dr. Jennifer Green* explained that there are no direct means of transferring benefits to the farmers due to state regulations. However, she will connect with *Merle Green*, who spearheaded a public health department fresh food truck that accepted EBT/WIC.
    2. Is there any funding directed toward food insecurity within the county/city budgets?
      - a. *Dr. Jennifer Green* said there are no allocations specifically for food insecurity in the county or health department budget. However, the Food

Policy Council can make specific requests to fund projects they hope to pursue under the Public Health Department's larger budget ask.

- b. Members suggested projects for funding during the discussion. Brainstorming for budget asks will occur on Basecamp via *Amy Lo's* initiation, and ideas will be discussed at the February meeting.
3. Is there ample transportation from insecure areas to this proposed location?
  - a. Dr. Jennifer Green indicated that the Farmers Market is planned to be located downtown within walking distance of the bus station.
- ii. The Farmers Market initiative is still in the proposal/idea phase, the planning committee has yet to be formed. It would be most beneficial for the Food Policy Council to have a member on the planning committee to offer perspective and give regular updates to the council on the market's progress. The Farmers Market will be a standing item on the Food Policy Council agendas.

#### Item 4. Conclusion

*LTC Foxworth, Ft. Liberty Co-Chair*

- a. Introduction of Visitors
  - a. *Sally Shutt*, Assistant County Manager at Strategic Management & Governmental Affairs (via Webex)
  - b. *Alex Baker*, Community Relations Manager from the Murchison Choice Neighborhoods Plan (via Webex)
  - c. *Heather Skeens*, Assistant County Manager - Community Support
- b. Public Comment
- c. Announcements

***Council Members***

  - a. Echoing Basecamp announcements, *Amy Lo* relayed her message about food drops where council members will take an advisory role in food drop planning while WIC staff and Second Harvest take the reins on execution.
  - b. Also published on Basecamp, *Amy Lo* invited the council members to the MLK Day celebration with Partnership 360 so they can network with other community stakeholders interested in fighting food insecurity.

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### NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

**Monday, February 5, 2024, 6-7:30pm**

@ Cumberland County Public Health Department  
(1235 Ramsey St, 3rd Floor Conference Room)