



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

March 4th, 2024, 6:00-7:30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Shannon Gettings, Healthcare Representative
Kenny Bailey, Local Government Representative
Clifton Johnson, Community Representative
LTC Katina Foxworth, Fort Liberty Co-Chair*

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Robert Elliott, Farming/Agriculture Representative
Alexis McClain, Farming/Agriculture Representative
Shella Korch, Public Health 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, Public Health Director*

Item 1. Call to Order:

LTC Foxworth welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Approval of February Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: *Clifton Johnson* motioned to approve February Regular Meeting Minutes.

SECOND: *Shannon Gettings* seconded the motion.

Approval of March Agenda.

MOTION: *Kenny Bailey* motioned to approve the March Agenda.

SECOND: *Shannon Gettings* seconded the motion.

Item 2. Action Items:

- a. WIC Outreach Announcements ***LaToya Bell, WIC Outreach Coordinator***
 - i. *LaToya Bell* recounted recent developments with Cumberland County WIC and her outreach efforts. On March 12th, LaToya Bell and Amy Lo will be tabling at Womack for WIC and FPC respectively from 10AM to 2PM.
- b. WIC Action Network Calls ***Dr. Jennifer Green, Public Health Director***
 - i. WIC Action Network Calls review current national and state WIC policy so advocates can be informed, ask questions, and engage. *Amy Lo* will sign up for these biweekly calls so she can report back to the council on WIC policy.
 - ii. Budgets have not been approved on the federal level, but cuts are anticipated with WIC in the meantime.

- c. NCDOT Pedestrian Safety Committee Announcements **Dr. Jennifer Green, Public Health Director**
- i. *Dr. Jennifer Green* indicated that there were not any new updates. She is currently waiting to hear from the committee on dates for upcoming meetings.
- d. Vote on *Dr. Erica Campbell* Membership **LTC Foxworth, Fort Liberty Co-Chair**
- i. *Amy Lo* explained that per Robert's Rules of Order, membership votes need to be public.
 - ii. MOTION: *Clifton Johnson* motioned to approve *Dr. Erica Campbell's* membership
 - iii. SECOND: *Shannon Gettings* seconded the motion
 - iv. Vote
 1. *LTC Foxworth* - Yes
 2. *Clifton Johnson* - Yes
 3. *Shannon Gettings* - Yes
 4. *Kenny Bailey* - Yes
 - v. Majority Vote Yes (4-0)
- e. Prospective Member: *Melissa Pennington* **LTC Foxworth, Fort Liberty Co-Chair**
- i. Q and A
 1. *Melissa Pennington* works in HR and is very passionate about giving back to the community. She sits on multiple nonprofit boards and cares greatly about children and giving them a better future.
 2. *Amy Lo* lists off current council position vacancies: Members who work in healthcare, public health, food insecurity/food access, or child and adult care (2), Community members who do not work in local government or health agencies (2), Cumberland County Co-Chair, Local Government, Representative for Cumberland County Schools, Representative for Fort Liberty Schools, and Higher Education.
 3. *Melissa Pennington* will fill the "Members who work in healthcare, public health, food insecurity/food access, or child and adult care" position.
 4. *Dr. Jennifer Green* gave next steps to *Melissa Pennington* on her membership.
 - ii. MOTION: *Shannon Gettings* motioned to approve *Melissa Pennington's* membership.
 - iii. SECOND: *Kenny Bailey* seconded the motion.
 - iv. Vote
 1. *LTC Foxworth* - Yes
 2. *Clifton Johnson* - Yes
 3. *Shannon Gettings* - Yes
 4. *Kenny Bailey* - Yes
- f. Council Positions and Vacancies Review **LTC Foxworth, Fort Liberty Co-Chair**
- i. *LTC Foxworth* indicated that there are many vacancies on the council, one of which will be her current seat as she is going to have to resign soon due to military orders.
 - ii. *Tamra Morris* offered up the possibility of advertising the Food Policy Council's recruitment efforts.
 - iii. *Clifton Johnson* expressed willingness to fill a Co-Chair position.
 - iv. *Martina Sconiers-Talbert* says that the Fort Liberty Co-Chair does not need to be an active military soldier.
- g. Bylaw Changes Review **Amy Lo, FPC/WIC CIAO Liaison**
- i. *Amy Lo* went over the changes in the FPC Bylaws which includes term length and renewal changes, Co-Chair term renewal and council approval, steps to obtaining membership, and deletion of email polling as an acceptable way of voting.
 - ii. *Dr. Jennifer Green* suggested adding a change that allows Co-Chairs to remove members on the grounds of poor attendance rate or the ability to recommend removal of members to the Board of Commissioners.
- h. Fayetteville State Student Food Pantry Grants

- i. *Dr. Jennifer Green* explained that the Cumberland County grant writer has been searching for grants to help the pantry.
- i. Budget Considerations Review and Update
 - i. Last month, the council wanted to pursue free Instacart delivery for WIC/SNAP recipients. *Dr. Jennifer Green* has been working to bring the idea to fruition. She is trying to house this program within the Connected Care project which brings together an interdisciplinary team that addresses social needs in the community. SNAP recipients already get their first three deliveries on Instacart free, *Dr. Jennifer Green* will ask for funding to extend that to a year.
 - ii. *Dr. Jennifer Green* pointed out that WIC advocates have been fighting for the ability to use WIC benefits online for a while, so the council can choose to pursue advocacy work around this.

Item 3. Workgroup - National Public Health Week *Shannon Gettings, Council Member*

- a. *Shannon Gettings* explained that the Fort Liberty Department of Public Health wanted to promote the Food Policy Council for National Public Health Week during the week of April 1st. She wants to highlight the food drop that the FPC has done, the Instacart project, and future involvement with the International Farmers Market. She hopes to boost recruitment for the FPC and increase awareness. There will be a tabling event and social media posts associated with this week.
- b. *Shannon Gettings* also mentioned that WIC advocacy was going to be a part of the week and she has met with *LaToya* about that. Lastly, *Shannon Gettings* said an emergency preparedness kits drive was going to be facilitated.
- c. *Amy Lo* shared the draft social media post for the FPC. *Shannon Gettings* suggested the post include a QR code as well as the projects the FPC has or will work on.

Item 4. List of Grants Review *LTC Foxworth, Ft. Liberty Co-Chair*

- a. *Dr. Jennifer Green* asked the council to come up with ideas for projects since most of the grants in the list are targeted toward supporting ideas.
- b. *LTC Foxworth* asked the council to review the grant list on Basecamp and come with ideas next month. Council members should pick their top three grants that would be most applicable.
- c. *Clifton Johnson* asked about free breakfast grant money that Governor Cooper had approved and whether Cumberland County was going to receive any of it. *Dr. Jennifer Green* said she would ask a school system representative about it.

Item 5. Conclusion *LTC Foxworth, Ft. Liberty Co-Chair*

- a. Introduction of Visitors
 - a. *Joyce Adams*, a prospective FPC member, was in attendance.
 - b. *Melissa Pennington*, a prospective FPC member, was in attendance.
- b. Public Comment
- a. Announcements Council Members

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Monday, April 1, 2024 6-7:30pm

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