



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

May 6, 2024, 6:00-7:30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

*Shannon Gettings, Healthcare Representative
Clifton Johnson, Interim Cumberland County Co-Chair
Shella Korch, Public Health Representative
Kenny Bailey, Local Government Representative
Alexis McClain, Farming/Agriculture Representative*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

*Joyce Adams, Higher Education Representative
Robert Elliott, Farming/Agriculture Representative*

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Item 1. Call to Order:

Martina Sconiers-Talbert welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Approval of April Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: *Kenny Bailey* motioned to approve March Regular Meeting Minutes.

SECOND: *Shannon Gettings* seconded the motion.

Approval of May Agenda.

MOTION: *Shella Korch* motioned to approve the April Agenda.

SECOND: *Shannon Gettings* seconded the motion.

Item 2. Action Items:

Martina Sconiers-Talbert, AOIII

a. WIC Outreach Announcements

LaToya Bell, WIC Outreach Coordinator

- i. *LaToya Bell* has completed several outreach events during April: 3rd Quartermaster brief, the maternity fair at Womack on April 20, and a Military Child Bash hosted by the YMCA on Ft. Liberty (that *Amy Lo* subbed in for) on April 27.
- ii. Upcoming outreach events: Case Lot sale at the North Commissary on May 10th, Baby Shower by the United Service Organizations (USO) on June 7th, and Infant Food Info Session with USO in July.

b. NCDOT Pedestrian Safety Improvement Program

Tamra Morris, Deputy Health Director

- i. *Tamra Morris* explained that the first Steering Committee meeting a part of Fayetteville's Pedestrian Plan, was at the end of April and they will begin focus group work on May 16 2-4PM at the fast transit center.
 - ii. The Steering Committee will guide the development of the Pedestrian Plan, including guidelines for project prioritization. The responsibilities of the Steering Committee are to:
 - Attend four Steering Committee meetings in person (with a virtual option),
 - Provide input on how to prioritize pedestrian projects (sidewalks, crosswalks, and multi-use paths)
 - Help identify public engagement strategies,
 - Develop the Project Support Group list of contacts,
 - Promote online survey, input map, and community workshops, and
 - Attend one of the community workshops.
 - iii. There will be four Steering Committee meetings, all held in person with a virtual option:
 - Meeting #1: Visioning and goal setting in May 2024.
 - Meeting #2: Review preliminary pedestrian network in July 2024.
 - Meeting #3: Finalize pedestrian network and project prioritization in November 2024.
 - Meeting #4: Review draft pedestrian plan in March 2025.
 - iv. The second Road Safety Assessment (RSA) with the Department of Transportation (DOT) was conducted at the end of April along Reilly Road corridor to assess safety, cross walks, and access issues. The DOT is asking that if you drive that corridor, please provide feedback or report incidents on the conditions.
 - v. *Clifton Johnson* recounted the RSA event as well. He highlighted lighting issues, some breaks in the sidewalk, and inadequate bus access to the Food Lion.
 - vi. *Tamra Morris* mentioned that advertising the Instacart service would be beneficial in the residential area they walked by.
- c. Food Drops at Fort Liberty WIC Clinic ***Tamra Morris, Deputy Health Director***
- i. *Tamra Morris* is in the process of communicating with participating parties to initiate food drops. She wanted to gather info about dates that would not be suitable for a food drop (such as special military events) or if there were upcoming events that a food drop can be combined with to boost engagement.
 - ii. *Dr. Jennifer Green* mentioned there should be a food drop in September for Hunger Awareness Month.
 - iii. *Clifton Johnson* asked to extend the food drops to the previous site at Mt. Sinai Church since he believes more people would benefit from it there.
- d. Instacart Update ***Tamra Morris, Deputy Health Director***
- i. *Tamra Morris* recently submitted the PIO ticket for the flyer for this new Instacart program. *Tamra Morris* and *Dr. Jennifer Green* tested the Instacart membership and it appeared to work. There is an approved list of stores that this program will work for.
 - ii. *Tamra Morris* also shared that there is a nutritionist role open on the connected care team that can physically go to the grocery store with a beneficiary and advise on benefit use.
- e. Bylaws edit on Instating Co-Chairs by Council ***Tamra Morris, Deputy Health Director***
Member Vote Annually

- i. *Tamra Morris* proposed some changes to the bylaws based on how other councils are run. She suggested that council members vote annually on electing a Co-Chair instead of having the Board of Commissioners appoint a Co-Chair which could be more time-consuming. This would also eliminate the question of term limits as each Co-Chair would just serve one year but could be re-elected. This would also eliminate the need for 2 positions on the council as chairs and instead, they can be converted to “General Members”. This change would make the Co-Chair position the role of a member instead of a separate entity as it is now.
 - ii. *Clifton Johnson* is currently on the Board of Commissioners agenda for Co-Chair and *Melissa Pennington* is on the agenda as a member of FPC.
- f. Prospective Member: Beth Maynard ***Martina Sconiers-Talbert, AOIII***
- i. *Beth Maynard* is the Executive Director for Childhood Nutrition at Cumberland County Schools. She has been with Cumberland County Schools for 25 years and with Childhood Nutrition for 11 years. Childhood Nutrition operates the national school lunch and breakfast programs and has developed mobile meals serviced through a renovated bus for unhoused or low-income students. They added backpack buddy programs, partnerships with food pantries, and free book giveaways.
 - ii. Vote
 - a. Shella Korch moves to approve Beth Maynard’s membership.
 - b. Clifton Johnson second’s the motion.
 - c. Unanimous Approval (5-0)

Item 3. Missed Meal Vouchers

***Clifton Johnson, Interim Cumberland
Co-Chair
Shannon Gettings, Council Member
Amy Lo, FPC Liaison***

- a. *Clifton Johnson* explained that Army meals are governed by regulation AR 600-38 and each soldier is supposed to be afforded 3 meals a day.
- b. *Clifton Johnson* had spoken to a retired Sergeant Major about gathering data to support the council’s efforts in increasing use of the missed meal vouchers. The problem of food insecurity in the Army is multifaceted, as *Clifton Johnson* and *Alexis McClain*, point out. However, *Clifton Johnson* will continue to pursue his efforts in gathering relevant data on the subject (such as how many soldiers in the barracks do not receive BAS) to present to Army leaders as justification for a focus on missed meal vouchers. The council’s predicted focus is increasing education on the subject with the junior enlisted and their leadership.
- c. *Shannon Gettings* also pointed out that while soldiers are not educated enough on the matter of missed meal vouchers, the dining facilities limited hours also contribute greatly to food insecurity especially on the weekends.
- d. It was agreed that fielding a survey to collect other relevant data on whether a soldier has ever asked for a missed meal voucher and their overall experience in getting one.
- e. *Shannon Gettings* also offered to involve her colleagues at the Army Department of Public Health to support efforts in survey dissemination and processing.



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**Item 5. WIC 101: Provider Lunch and Learn, and
Formula Documentation Updates**

Tamra Morris, Deputy Health Director

- a. WIC 101 is a short one-time course for healthcare providers to learn about referrals to WIC, what WIC is, and how to advocate for WIC.

Item 5. Conclusion

Martina Sconiers-Talbert, AOIII

- a. Introduction of Visitors
- a. Public Comment
- b. Announcements

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Monday, June 3, 2024 6-7:30pm

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