

# Health Commission | MINUTES

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October 8th, 2021 | 10:00 AM |

## Present Members

Councilwoman Ryana Parks-Shaw (Co-Chair)

Dr. Erica Carney (Co-Chair)

Frank Thompson (Co-Chair)

Qiana Thomason (Vice Chair)

Joseph Lightner

Ajia Morris

Hakima Tafunzi Payne

Jim Nunnelly

Councilman Dan Fowler

Dr. Ben Grin

Christopher Dandurand

Sheela Ananth

Marqueia Watson

Tiana Caldwell

Emma Shankland

## Absent Members

Eva Santiago

Austin Strassle

## Health Advisors

Dr. Charnissa Holliday-Scott

Samantha Collinson

## HD Staff

Erica Taylor

Kimberly A. McCauley

Amber Booker

Bill Snook

John Santner

## AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION

### Health Commission

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Dr. Carney called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Review of meeting minutes from September 2021.

- Given that the September meeting minutes were not disseminated to the Health Commissioners to review, the September minutes were not approved. This process is advanced to the November meeting where both the September and October meeting minutes will be reviewed. No action taken.

### Old Business

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Health Commission Committee Updates:

- Birth Equity Committee
  - Last Meeting: Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Commission Action: Not seeking any action at this time
  - Samantha Collinson- prioritize CHIP planning for the committee meeting
  - Hakima Payne- Maternal Near Miss Review Board
    - Exciting work from the board obtaining a lot of buy-in from across the state and existing review boards in other cities.
    - The next step is to seek funding to do a pilot in KC to develop a template to be used for the State of Missouri
- Education Committee
  - Last Meeting: Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Commission Action: Not seeking any action at this time
  - Dr. Holliday-Scott- Have been collecting data from various sources to improve the CHIP plan
  - Ajia Morris- Invites health commissioners to next Education Committee meeting
- Health Policy & Advocacy Collaborative
  - Last Meeting: Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Commission Action: Vote on the State and Federal Legislative Priorities
- Housing (Ad Hoc) Committee
  - Last Meeting: Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Commission Action: Not seeking any action at this time
  - Erica Taylor- Housing Bill of Rights is getting close to being finalized in the next couple of weeks
- Violence Free KC Committee
  - Last Meeting: Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Commission Action: No action at this time

### Public Comments

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- No Public Comments were voiced

## Business Advanced from Committee

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- Health Advocacy & Policy
  - o State and Federal Legislation Priorities
    - Chris explains the big change from the previous 2020 priorities was adding clear language around Climate change as a health impact
  - o Discussion
    - What was the process for choosing what climate policy was chosen given how broad Climate Change legislative action can be
    - It was identified access to clean water and clean air is a serious health impact for Kansas City residents
  - o **Motion:** Change the current language of priorities to reflect clean air and water as a policy priority moving forward. Unanimously Passed.
  - o **Motion:** To approve the State and Federal Legislation Priorities with additions and edits included by the Mayor Pro-Tem's Office. Unanimously Passed.

## New Business

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- EMS- CC Group met last month
  - o Voted on an ordinance to help the hospitals with patient flow by allowing any non-emergency patients that have been cleared by the hospital to go to any EMS not just KCFD
  - o CW Park-Shaw will introduce the ordinance
- Health Commission Retreat
  - o Due to time crunch, this conversation will be moved to the November agenda
- Health Levy Sunset
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## Health Director Update

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Erica Taylor- The position is still open

- o The process has not been publicized and is progressing quietly
- **Motion:** Ask for a formal visit to City Manager Platt to discuss the Department position and follow-up on the stated Health Commission Director priorities. Motion passed. Co-Chair Thompson Abstains.
  - o Qiana Thomason will initiate the discussion with the City Manager for the Health Commission

## COVID-19 Updates

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Interim Director of Health Frank Thompson provided a COVID-19 update.

- As of this meeting Kansas City, MO case numbers are decreasing
- City Council extended the Mask Mandate into November
- Bill Snook: Pfizer 5-11 age COVID-19 vaccine approval meeting with FDA will occur on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>

## Announcements

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- Uzazi Village will host a webinar next month that will focus on COVID 19 Vaccine in Pregnancy
  - Link: [COVID 19 Vaccine in Pregnancy Webinar | Uzazi Village](#)

## Additional Business

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM by Dr. Carney

The next Health Commission meeting is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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