



WELLNESS COMMISSION LEE'S SUMMIT

Wellness Commission Action Letter Monday, April 8, 2024

1. Call to Order

Chair Craig officially called the meeting of the Wellness Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Strother Conference Room at City Hall, 220 SE Green St.

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Chair Craig
Vice Chair Goodrich (arrived at 6:32 p.m.)
Commissioner Brandhorst
Commissioner Denny
Commissioner Evans
Commissioner Hubbard
Commissioner Kraemer
Commissioner Salanski
Commissioner Wichman

Staff Present

Susan Barry
Christal Kliewer Weber
Stacy Lombardo

Absent

Commissioners Nolke, Silvers and Vestweber

Special Guest

Ray Dlugolecki, Jackson County Public Health Department

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Brandhorst, to approve the agenda as published. The motion carried by a unanimous 9-0 vote (Commissioners Nolke, Silvers and Vestweber absent).

5. Approval of the March 4, 2024 Action Letter

A change to the Action Letter was suggested by Commissioner Kraemer. A motion was made by Commissioner Denny, seconded by Commissioner Wichman to approve the Action Letter of March 4, 2024, as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous 9-0 vote (Commissioners Nolke, Silvers and Vestweber absent).

6. Presentation by Jackson County Public Health of the Jackson County Health Data

The 2023 Community Health Assessment includes 14 topics and is 216 pages. The data does not include Independence or Kansas City. Data was collected from a Community Survey, In-person

discussions and a Policy and Data Assessment which used 200 data indicators. The two topics covered in this presentation were Economic Stability and Mental and Behavior Health. City Reports were provided to those in attendance and can be found at jcph.org/city-reports along with other in-depth reports.

Ray Dlugolecki, with Jackson County Public Health, gave the presentation and the following topics were asked and discussed:

- Did affordable housing rise to be a main concern in Lee's Summit only, or nationally?
- Affordable healthcare ranked slightly lower than a few years ago.
- How did COVID affect the areas of concern?
- The adoption of Medicaid expansion could be why affordable healthcare was reported low.
- How often does the City of Lee's Summit reach out to Jackson County Public Health for help or with questions?
- Is the raw data available?
- Where does funding come from?
- How to make systemic changes and not just band-aids?
- Was there a "value add" for Lee's Summit that came from the survey?
- Policy briefings
- Housing policy recommendations
- Affordable vs. attainable housing
- How can this commission collaborate with the Jackson County Public Health Department and what services can Jackson County provide?
- Opioid non-fatal deaths reporting.

The Jackson County Public Health Department will be presenting this report to the Lee's Summit City Council on May 14 or 23, 2024.

7. Roundtable

Commissioner Evans thanked everyone that attended the Student Wellbeing Summit, sponsored by the Lee's Summit Educational Foundation, on March 27. Chairperson Craig announced there will be a youth mental health forum on April 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., which is sponsored by LSR7, LS Police Department, ProDeo and others at the Missouri Innovation Campus. The youth will be presenting and leading small group discussions.

Ms. Susan Barry, City Traffic Engineer, shared Vice-Chair Goodrich's last meeting will be in June. Both the Chair and Vice-Chair will be unavailable May 8, so there was a consensus of those in attendance to hold the May meeting on May 13, 2024. Ms. Christal Kliewer Weber, Assistant City Manager, noted that patrons using Amtrak can take bicycles on-board. There is room for six per train and you need to reserve a spot for \$10.00 each. She also noted the commission will be presenting to City Council looking for feedback on the direction the commission is taking.

Ms. Barry stated that the commission will need to elect a new Vice-Chair at an upcoming meeting. Chair Craig will be presenting at the April 23rd City Council meeting and all commissioners are encouraged to attend, if available. At the same meeting there will be a Bike/Walk Month Proclamation and an Earth Day/Arbor Day Proclamation.

8. Adjourn

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting of the Wellness Commission at 8:21 p.m.