

Wake County Human Services Board
Meeting Minutes
September 26th, 2019

Board Members Present:

Fiorella Horna
Deborah Lawson
Dr. Randy Marsh
John Myhre
Dr. John Perry
Margaret Raynor
Ann Rollins
Dr. James Smith, III
Stephanie Treadway
Angie Welsh
Commissioner James West

Guests Present:

Mayor Frank Eagles

Staff Members Present:

Commissioner Vickie Adamson
Julie Brewer
Craig Burrus
Maria Eason
Brittany Hunt
Pendor Lundy
Tracey McCloud
Dr. Kim McDonald
Ken Murphy
Dr. Nicole Mushonga
Antonia Pedroza
Regina Petteway
Teresa Robinson
Andrew Sawyer
Elizabeth Scott
Kelly Stratton
Dr. Joseph Threadcraft

Call to Order

Chair Dr. James Smith called the meeting to order at 7:38am.

Reflections

(Presented by Ms. Margaret Raynor)

Ms. Margaret Raynor reflected upon the inspirations that she had in her various roles in the county. Raynor spoke of the Food Security group that she works with and how this work has allowed her to reflect on the need children face. The Summer Food Program in particular has grown and evolved over the years to now encompass creative means of engaging the County's children meeting the criteria for reduced or no-cost lunches. Building relationships has become a concern at the forefront instead of the mere transportation of food. Although feeding children is still the catalyst for the Program, the relationships established help ensure children are engaged and finding joy in their community. Wake Forest, in particular, has a dual program approach that has allowed lunch and evening options. Above that, the programs have collaborated and secured grants to allow food and meals for parents of these children as well. The intent is to bring the community and families closer together through the Program.

The other group that Raynor highlighted was the Dorothea Dix Park Conservancy Legacy Committee. The Committee acts as an advisory body to another committee providing input to the city of Raleigh about how to best utilize the Dorothea Dix Park. One of the most important charges with the Legacy Committee is to honor both the triumphs and the injustices occurring throughout history. For over one hundred years, the Park was part of a plantation that was worked by slaves. This was after European settlers had most likely taken the land from American Indians. From 1856 to 2012, the site housed the state's first insane asylum. In present day, the Black Cultural Center is looking to move into one of the buildings on the Park. The Legacy Committee has joined the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience – a global non-profit network of historic sites and various locations with a focus on promoting and protecting human rights. The intent is to craft the Park into a learning site where the history of the location is available to the public.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Dr. Smith asked for a motion to approve the August 22, 2019 meeting minutes. There was a motion by Ms. Margaret Raynor and Ms. Stephanie Treadway seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Ms. Fiorella Horna inquired about the action steps present on meeting minutes and the follow-up to these steps. Smith confirmed that the Chair follows up with individuals listed and ensures that the items are completed. Items are then brought up to the Human Services Board as appropriate.

Next Board Meeting – October 24, 2019

Treasurers Report

(Presented by Ms. Margaret Raynor)

Treasurer Ms. Margaret Raynor reported that there was no change from the total last month. The current balance of the Board fund is \$4,180.92.

Review of Procedures for Upcoming Human Services Board Officer Elections

Chair Dr. Smith then reviewed the procedures for Human Services Board Officer elections, which will take place at the October 24th Human Services Board meeting. Smith asked for clarification from Mr. Ken Murphy in the fact that Officer stations are fulfilled from December until November 30th of the following year. Due to this, though Smith's term ends prior to the scheduled November Board meeting, he would be present at that Board meeting as it was prior to the new Chair's start date. There was a discussion and confirmation that as long as another Chair had not been appointed (which would occur in December 2019), that Smith could attend the November meeting to complete his appointment as Chair (running December 1st, 2018 through November 30, 2019).

Smith then reviewed the duties for Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer.

Request New Appointment Nominations

Next, Chair Dr. Smith reviewed the appointment nomination form and procedures and formally requested nominations be submitted. The nomination form was provided to the Human Services Board in their agenda packet and would be forwarded to the Board via e-mail by Ms. Brittany Hunt. The forms are due back to the Executive Assistant to the Human Services Board by the second Friday in October, which will be October 11th, at 12:00 P.M. The individual nominated must also be notified prior to being nominated.

Once the nominations are submitted, they will be included in the agenda packet for the October 24th meeting as well as via e-mail. There will be an additional opportunity to submit nominations at the October meeting.

Updated Review of Wake County Human Services Board Rules of Appeal – Board Procedure 300 2.6 [Accreditation Benchmark #35.1]

Dr. Smith asked for a review of the Board Rules of Appeal. The only noted change in the document from the August 2019 Board meeting was an update to the accreditation benchmark activity numbers. This was to correct changes in the activities that, over time, had shifted to more closely align with other activity numbers.

Dr. Smith then noted that the Human Services Board had received, reviewed and discussed the updated information and asked for a motion to accept the Rules of Appeal with the administrative changes. Mr. John Myhre motioned and Ms. Ann Rollins seconded, the Board voted unanimously to accept the report.

Infant Mortality Workgroup Discussion

Although not part of the official agenda, the meeting was running ahead of time and a detailed discussion extended about the prior night's Infant Mortality Workgroup meeting. Dr. Smith spoke to the importance of the workgroup as it relates to several reports to the Human Services Board over the years concerning infant mortality rates in Wake County. Ms. Fiorella Horna agreed and noted that the latest report to come out of the March of Dimes indicated a rise in maternal deaths for African American women. This was true across socioeconomic lines and included educated women with easier access to resources. Accordingly, this has caused great urgency to address this issue. Ms. Regina Petteway noted the Chairs of the Infant Mortality Workgroup – Commissioner Jessica Holmes, Chair of the Wake County Board of Commissioners, and Dr. Michelle Bucknor. For the previous night's meeting, Dr. Smith, Ms. Petteway, and Commissioner Vickie Adamson were all in attendance.

Commissioner James West inquired about how the Workgroup's socioeconomic vitality issue aligned with strategic initiatives. Petteway informed the Board that a response was forthcoming later in the day to the County Manager's Office as well as the Board of Commissioners. This would entail goals for social vitality, economic vitality, and community health. West asked about a formal statement from the Workgroup to the public and Petteway confirmed that a video has been crafted and is available to the public at www.wakegov.com/beyondyear1. Petteway also indicated that Dr. Nicole Mushonga, the new Epidemiologist for Wake County Human Services,

could present the statistical findings at the October meeting of the Human Services Board. Mushonga was introduced to the Board by Dr. Kim McDonald. West asked about who the Workgroup reports to and Petteway confirmed that the Workgroup reports out to the Human Services Committee. The video on the Wake County website was then played for the Board. Petteway voiced appreciation for Communications staff members Mr. Andrew Sawyer and Ms. Kelly Stratton, present, for the video. West commended the Workgroup for looking into the issue and noted that this issue was extensive in relation to people of color. The disparity for African American women must be analyzed, but a holistic approach is also required. He noted that the numerous factors contributing to the quality of life for African Americans in Wake County must be taken into account.

Ms. Ann Rollins asked if a cause had been identified – particularly noting how concerning the trend was spanning across socioeconomic groups. Dr. Mushonga then spoke a bit to her review of the categories between African American infants and White infants. Although a decrease in infant mortality has been noted over time, it has not been as significant as hoped. A striking contrast was presented – that White infant deaths had decreased by 67% while African American infant deaths had decreased by only 6.5%. Statistics over the years had also shown that African American infants were twice as likely as White infants to die prior to their first birthday. Mushonga also reviewed predictive factors such as prenatal care, breastfeeding, pre-term deliveries, and low birth weights. For prenatal care, only 54% of African American women were receiving early prenatal care. Smith commented that the data was interesting and that information for women of other ethnicities were surprising. Horna noted that for Latina mothers, premature births were not as common, but issues related to a lack of folic acid were common and could lead to children born with birth defects.

Board Committee Chairs' Reports

(Presented by Dr. Randy Marsh and Mr. John Myhre)

Mr. John Myhre noted that the Public Health Committee meeting on September 20th provided an update on food security from Ms. Margaret Raynor. Additionally, Dr. Rebecca Sykes provided details of the “Smiles at Sunnybrook” dental health grant funded by the North Carolina Office of Rural Health. Dr. Kim McDonald added that the “Smiles at Sunnybrook” program had won a North Carolina Public Health Association Child Health Award just the day before which comes with a monetary reward of \$10,000.

Dr. Randy Marsh explained that the Social Services Committee had not met in September due to Hurricane Dorian, but that the next meeting was scheduled for November 1st. A search for a co-chair for the Social Services Committee continues and Marsh noted that while reviewing the policies that the co-chair is required to also be a Human Services Board member. Further investigation and commentary from Ms. Debra Baker noted that while this was the current policy, possible amendments could be made in the future as desired.

Public Health Accreditation

(Presented by Ms. Pendora Lundy)

After providing two handouts detailing the accreditation visit and evidence submission progress, Ms. Pendora Lundy stated that the site visit for re-accreditation will occur next week from October 3rd through October 4th. A team of four site visitors will be on location to conduct interviews with administrative team and perform tours of the public health facilities, including Wake County's Regional Centers. On October 3rd, interviews for Ms. Regina Petteway as well as three Human Services Board members – Dr. James Smith, Ms. Angie Welsh, and Ms. Stephanie Treadway – will occur. Additionally, three community members will be interviewed – one of which is Ms. Ann Rollins. On October 4th, an exit conference is scheduled where the site visit team will review any recommendations.

Next, progress with evidence submission was provided. This is summarized as follows:

Board/Governance – Goal was to have “met” 24 of the 27 activities. Currently, Wake County Human Services is projected to have met 25.

Facilities/Administrative – Goal was to have “met” 24 of the 27 activities. Currently, Wake County Human Services is projected to have met 17 with 9 additional activities being reviewed during the on-site review for a total of 26.

Assurance – Goal was to have “met” 34 of the 38 activities. Currently, Wake County Human Services is projected to have met 36 with two additional activities being reviewed during the on-site review for a total of 38.

Policy – Goal was to have “met” 23 of the 26 activities. Wake County Human Services is projected to have met 23 with two additional activities being reviewed during the on-site review for a total of 25.

Assessment – Goal was to have “met” 26 of the 29 activities. Wake County Human Services is projected to have met 27 with one additional activity being reviewed during the on-site review for a total of 28.

Please note that these “goals” were an internal determination and do not reflect the actual requirements for reaccreditation via the North Carolina Local Health Department Accreditation. The goals that are “met” were noted so by internal review and are not officially “met” until stated so by the Department. After a question from Ms. Angie Welsh, Lundy noted that these were more achievable benchmarks for the internal team, but that the intention was always to have “met” 100% of the activities. Items requiring on-site review will require the site visit team to tour and follow up with questions before a consideration of “met” can be determined.

Commissioner James West asked for clarification on what “Assurance” pertained to as a group. Lundy stated that this group consisted of ensuring that the management team and environmental health team have public health law training. It also ensures that Wake County Human Services is serving the underserved and uninsured population as they state that they are. Personnel records play an additional part in guaranteeing that staff are properly certified. Lundy also noted the

large number of on-site review items for “Facilities/Administrative.” This largely pertains to proper (i.e., visible and multi-lingual) signage, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and privacy for client exam rooms as well as client information. Ms. Horna asked if there was signage for the blind made available and Lundy confirmed that this signage did exist.

Human Services Director’s Report

(Presented by Ms. Regina Petteway)

Ms. Regina Petteway requested that Ms. Elizabeth Scott present first. Ms. Scott recognized Ms. Maria Eason (Program Manager at WakeMed) and three supervisors – Ms. Julie Brewer, Ms. Teresa Robinson, Ms. Tracey McCloud – for winning the Best Practice Award from the Social Services Institute for community collaboration. This award is sponsored by the County Director’s Association and the Directors of Social Services. WakeMed has been a collaborative partner in the area of eligibility process with Wake County for over twenty years. This started with a small team of Case Managers on the WakeMed campus and has now grown to thirty-four Wake County Human Services staff at WakeMed in multiple locations. The intent is to see uninsured patients the moment that they are receiving medical service in order to determine patients’ eligibility. The award focused on the collaboration work from the team that involved them being present during traditional and non-traditional hours, such as evenings and weekends, in three emergency departments at WakeMed. Human Services staff work closely with WakeMed day-to-day to ensure that business processes are in place to connect patients to insurance and/or to a medical home. WakeMed, in turn, obviously wants to decrease the amount of uncompensated care that they provide. For example, if a patient enters the emergency room and is uninsured, the staff member takes their information and Medicaid application so that the patient does not have to seek out a Social Services office. If they would like to return information that is requested, they can turn it back in to the emergency room instead.

Commissioner West commended the collaboration and noted that the knowledge of the collaboration was powerful to have when working with stakeholders. Petteway agreed and asked for Scott to note other areas of collaboration. Scott stated that while WakeMed was the largest collaborator, Wake County Human Services also employed a staff member at a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) facility, a managed care program for older adults. Staff is also present at Resources for Seniors that help with the Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA) as well as Local Management Entities and Managed Care Organizations (LME/MCO). Requests for these types of collaboration are still coming in. For example, a practice attempting to become a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) are requesting for a staff member at their location. Commissioner West noted that the collaborations were a positive step and that more services – particularly veteran services – might be an avenue to explore. Petteway agreed and stated that Human Services does have a ten-year master plan in place with a goal to build a public health services building directly beside Swinburne’s location. The opportunities to expand these services are especially bright with the ten-year plan in effect.

Ms. Angie Welsh asked about how Human Services was embedded at Oak City Cares. Scott confirmed that this would be rolled out soon with a staff member that handles food and nutrition services. This is planned for October along with an Adult Medicaid staff member who may be at

the location a few days each week. Petteway applauded the efforts of these out placement staff members as the staff still have to remain aware and up-to-date on policies and procedures just as much as an in-house staff member would.

Petteway noted that the Board of Commissioners awarded Alliance Medical Ministry \$125,000 for them to acquire the Epic Patient management system. Alliance Medical Ministry will be working with WakeMed to get this system installed and the County Manager's Office will be working on a contract to get this addition in motion. The system is expected to be in place and active between March and June of 2020.

Wake County Human Services is also working with the Divine Nine – nine historically Black Greek letter organizations that make up the National Hellenic Council. As Commissioner West explained, the Divine Nine look at improving quality of life and learning about one another in order to better address systemic issues faced by African American communities. Petteway noted that though the fraternities and sororities comprising the Divine Nine do have campus-level organizations, these are mainly professionals who have graduated and are established in Wake County. An Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) screening is planned along with an educational event where resilience and embedding that resilience into the work is at the forefront. Staff secured the movie theatre on New Bern Avenue for the event. Details about the event date are forthcoming.

With Live Well Wake, Chairs have been established for each priority area. The Design Day has been moved to January 2020 in order to obtain additional staffing. On that January date, over sixty organizations will gather with Wake County Human Services to talk specific strategies to be put in place that are both measurable and achievable in a two-year period. For example, though transportation cannot be provided to everyone, the fact remains that transportation and transit was one of the highest priorities from the community. So ideas must be formed to supplement the transit plan. More information on the Design Day will be forthcoming as it evolves. Welsh asked if staff was present for this yet. Petteway said that there was a temporary staff member with a recruiting round underway to fill the position leading the Live Well Wake initiative. West mentioned that he attended the Go Triangle Area Advisory Group meeting where thirty-five individuals represented three counties. Just the day before, issue areas were identified especially pertaining to individuals with low wealth and how they might be best connected with Go Triangle. West suggested that this advisory group might be a resource to assist with Live Well Wake, particularly with the aforementioned transit issue. West noted that the Chair was Mr. Jerome Brown and Petteway stated that she and Ms. Nicole Kreiser would work with West to discuss this potential collaborator.

Environmental Services Director's Report

(Presented by Dr. Joseph Threadcraft)

Dr. Joseph Threadcraft began his report detailing the efforts made for a vulnerable niche group in regards to the contaminated groundwater issue. Communication with the Wake County Magistrate's Office gave Environmental Services approval to present to the Board of Commissioners a request to waive fees for well water testing for approximately 250 low-income

residents. Each one of the test costs approximately \$519 and though this proposal would offer great assistance, there will still be barriers to testing due to the high cost of mitigation. For watershed management will have items that will go before the planning board and the Board of Commissioners. These items are tax amendments as it relates to storm water, erosion control, sedimentation control, and flood hazard areas. Next, with offsite easements Threadcraft noted the work that the Human Services Board had contributed and shared that they had been presented to the State and received their approval. The next step will be to take the issue to the Board of Commissioners, have a public hearing, and finally appear before the Human Services Board for adoption.

Environmental Services has also received inquiries about algae blooms in water bodies. After communicating with their Raleigh Department of Environmental Quality Regional Office, it was confirmed that they have the expertise and jurisdictional authority to respond to those inquiries. Finally, the North Carolina State Fair will be held between Thursday, October 17th and Sunday, October 27th. Permits to prepare foods and run concessions will be important on the food side of the Fair and Mr. Michael Orbon's group with Water Quality will ensure all water and sewer connections are meeting standards.

Ms. Angie Welsh asked about the progress in getting the well testing done and if there was any enforcement to actively test a resident's water. Threadcraft stated that there were no regulatory requirement to test wells other than their placement when first in service. While there are recommended guidelines if a resident lives in vicinity of a known containment, there is not a requirement to test from the State of North Carolina. For Wake County, well rules were recently updated and are more stringent. But it is a recommendation, not a requirement, that the well be test annually. There is no mandate statewide or nationwide. Mr. Ken Murphy added that the issue that led to the outreach to the specific group of residents was in response to a naturally occurring geological formation. While this caused a contamination, there is not a contaminator as such to address. Additionally, local Wake County rules do give some enforcement to authority if there is a landlord who owns property where the recommendation for testing is in effect. There may be a requirement for the landlord to test instead of a recommendation due to the safety concern for tenants unable to individually test the well water. This has not been an issue for the impacted residents given the complimentary testing and is simply an example of how local rules can be more defined than the rules of the State.

Public Comments

- None

Participation in Community Events

- Ms. Fiorella Horna has been holding the Spanish-speaking Listening Tour sessions for the Wake County Commission for Women. Issues arising have not necessarily been related to women in public health, but the Spanish-speaking community at-large. Three sessions have been conducted with a total of 45 women participating across those meetings. Mental health was a large concern with lack of services serving bilingual resources being a noted obstacle. This is in addition to potential insurance barriers. Participants also noted that, in the past, they felt more outreach had been happening in

their communities that was now missing. Horna voiced the participants questions about positively impacting programs being cut due to funding. Would a program necessarily need to be cut if funding was gone or could further collaboration be done to see if the program could be supported in another way? Because of some of this disappearance of resources, Latina women from all socioeconomic and educational backgrounds noted feeling present in the County, but invisible all the same. Ms. Regina Petteway inquired about any specific items that the women would like to see and Horna shared recommendations that included more smartphone applications and social media connections. This form of contact, according to the women, would allow for dialogue with “experts” in the County that can make opportunities more approachable. Especially in the digital age, while information is plentiful, it is not always formatted in the same way from mobile to desktop nor multilingually accessible. Petteway recognized the County Communications team members in the room – Mr. Andrew Sawyer and Ms. Kelly Stratton – and encouraged further discussion and exploration of these options with them. Horna agreed and stated that the women at the events also mentioned being heard and having their issues viewed only as Spanish-speaking individuals when, in reality, many of their issues are shared by various underserved and immigrant demographics. Many communities share in the experiences and barriers. Petteway commended the groups and stated that the Spanish-speaking residents had the highest turn out of all the focus groups.

- Ms. Margaret Raynor attended a recent Summer Food Program event. Raynor mentioned how vital the VISTAs and interns from local universities were setting up activities and raising awareness of the Program. Currently, numbers for the 2019 Summer Food Program are not available, but they are forthcoming.
- Ms. Stephanie Treadway was at the Recovery Rally at Mordecai Campus on September 28th. Though it was well received, transportation and construction may have impacted visibility. It is hoped that next year’s Recovery Rally can take place at Moore Square as it has been in the past.
- Ms. Stephanie Treadway also spoke about her role running transitional housing for women exiting the prison system. In this process, Treadway also works with homeless women and women connected with the Women’s Center. A concern about directing these individuals to Oak City Cares had developed among these women due to the men’s shelter right next door. Women are reportedly afraid and concerned for their safety in visiting Oak City Cares. Treadway mentioned a women’s shelter that she knew was in development for the fall of 2019, but Commissioner Adamson stated that this project had been delayed. Treadway stated that when it does open, her hope is that the services there can mimic the services provided through Oak City Cares as well as expand services to address issues not currently covered. Petteway stated that Ms. Lorena McDowell, Housing Department Head, and the County Manager’s Office are investigating the concerns for Oak City Cares.
- Commissioner James West commented that Reverend Dr. James Forbes, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church in New York began an initiative of looking at a spiritual Renaissance. West feels like this work with Forbes focusing on the spiritual aspect in the African American community, is especially relative to Wake County.
- Commissioner James West also stated his participation in an initiative working to cultivate more Latinx and/or Hispanic farmers. The goal is bringing together and

providing more opportunities for expectant farmers for an area covering eleven North Carolina counties.

- Commissioner James West is also involved with a concept called Community Agreements. This concept explores the continued growth and issue that wealth supposedly continues to be transferred to the “haves” and not the “have nots.” This is looking at a specific area, part of which covers Southern Raleigh.
- Mr. John Myhre reminded the Board members that flu shots were becoming available and to encourage others to get their shot while they are available.
- Ms. Ann Rollins thanked Board members for attending the Poe Center’s series of education seminars. Rollins thanked Ms. Regina Petteway and Dr. Kim McDonald in particular for assisting with the event that featured Dr. Adam Zolotor, President of the Institute of Medicine. Zolotor presented on Accountable Care Communities.
- Ms. Ann Rollins also attended the North Carolina Population Health event in Winston Salem, North Carolina.
- Ms. Ann Rollins also announced a “save the date” for March 21, 2020 at a local high school where a second tobacco forum will be held. Rollins asked that the Human Services Board and Public Health Committee both consider a declaration on banning flavored vaping. This request would suggest possibly excluding the tobacco-flavor vaping. Discussion was held noting states that were considering statewide bans and how vaping had already killed individuals across the nation. Commissioner Vickie Adamson mentioned that if a declaration were to be sent to the Board of Commissioners, there is a legislative agenda in place that is crafted at the beginning of each year and a lobbyist available who works on topics in the General Assembly. Mr. Ken Murphy informed the Board that there is a statute that governs tobacco products statewide. Because of this, counties are somewhat limited in what they can do to regulate this area. Where vaping lies in this is uncertain as this statute was likely drafted and enacted before vaping became a concern. Ms. Fiorella Horna suggested a statement from the Board instead to the community. This could be targeted to alert parents or teenagers or educators. Petteway said that Commissioner Sig Hutchinson is particularly interested in health and all policies and that this would be a wonderful opportunity to engage with the Board of Commissioners. Rollins added that she and Board member Dr. John Perry were working with Ms. Michelle Mulvihill along with Wake County Manager Mr. David Ellis to visit the City Managers in November. Rollins hopes to follow up on this visit with follow-up information to the Public Health Committee. Commissioner West spoke to clarify the processes of identifying Commissioner Hutchinson as a contact and Petteway confirmed that Wake County Human Services would be consulting with legal advice prior to following the appropriate channels for outreach. Horna asked Murphy if the Board members were allowed to meet with legislators in order to educate them about the issue, namely under the limitations of the existing legislation. Murphy stated that the full Human Services Board would need to vote to adopt this language for it to be acceptable. Additional discussion occurred on this point and Commissioner Adamson stated that their Government Affairs department could assist with preparation in this endeavor insofar as what legislation exists and the best way to address this particular issue. Rollins asked Dr. Kim McDonald if she, as the Medical Director, felt the need to release a statement. McDonald confirmed that she and Mr. Andrew Sawyer had been in discussion about a statement and that staff were monitoring the outbreak and vaping issue as a whole. One

action step they are seeking permission to accomplish is sending letters to parents of students in school systems to make them aware of the dangers of vaping. Petteway requested that the Board put in writing what is being recommended to assist in the process of review for her and Murphy for the best form of action.

- Ms. Deborah Lawson attended South Central Church under the leadership of Pastor Dublin just the prior week for a seminar. Pastor Dublin is dedicated to substance abuse education as well as recovery education and the whole day seminar was well received.
- Commissioner Vickie Adamson said that Census Day had been marked as April 1st, 2020. The committee has been established and work for this has been building since March 2019. It is vital that all residents be counted as the County receives funding based on census tracking and much of this funding is attributed to health and human services. Non-profits that receive money from census tracks are also impacted as well as school systems.
- Commissioner Vickie Adamson also mentioned her involvement with the Drug Overdose Taskforce, particularly in the Law Enforcement sub-committee. Mr. John Myhre noted that the next Drug Overdose Taskforce meeting would be held on October 29th at 9:30 a.m. in Sunnybrook.
- Ms. Angie Welsh attended a two-day training session with the Racial Equity Institute (REI) in Rolesville Town Hall. There were fifty attendants in total comprised of educators and non-profit leaders. Ms. Horna mentioned that, as noted by other Board members, there was so much work to do and that some organizations currently exist to create a stepping stone of that action. One mentioned was the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE), which creates platforms for continued conversation. Further discussion found that though a lot is being done, it is not necessarily interconnected and that resources are scattered but important to seek. Another resource Horna promoted was the Public Health Awakened, which is an online site which even employs a listserv for further collaboration and discussion. Welsh suggested holding different sessions each representing different sectors as inequalities would be addressed differently by public health than it would be education, etc.
- Mayor Frank Eagles reminded the Board about the November 8th Wake County Community Advocacy Committee (CAC) 2019 Joint Retreat held at the Wake County Commons Building in Raleigh. The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ms. Brittany Hunt will forward the Board Officer Nomination Board to the Human Services Board members.
- Chair Dr. James Smith will contact Mr. David Cottengim, previous Human Services Board member, to determine if Mr. Cottengim is interested in re-applying for appointment to the Board.
- Dr. Nicole Mushonga will report on statistics from the Infant Mortality Workgroup to the Human Services Board at a future meeting.
- Ms. Regina Petteway will follow up with the date for the Divine Nine educational event at New Bern Avenue.
- Ms. Regina Petteway, with Ms. Nicole Kreiser, will schedule a meeting with Commissioner James West to discuss the Go Triangle Area Advisory Group.
- Ms. Fiorella Horna will share the results from the Spanish-speaking Listening Tours.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 AM.

Board Chair's Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Date: _____

10/24/19

Respectfully submitted by Ms. Brittany Hunt