

Lancaster County Health Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2023

Council Members Present: Dr. Mike Ripchinski, Dr. Susanne Scott, Deborah Willwerth, Dr. Scott Snyder, Loren Miller, Mike Bromirski, Dr. David Gasperack

Council Members Absent: Diane Garber, Dolores Reidenbach

Guests Present: Commissioner Ray D'Agostino, Benjamin Herskowitz, Tim Stuhldreher, Randall Gockley, Ken Weber, Violet De Stefano

Meeting called to order by Dr. Susanne Scott at 8:01 AM.

The meeting began with a presentation from Dr. Eugene Lengerich of Penn State Cancer Institute, Office of Health Equity. The presentation discussed the work that the Office of Health Equity has been doing across the region.

The Council voted to approve the meeting minutes from December 2, 2022. Motion passes.

The Council discussed the Measles outbreak in Columbus, Ohio. Violet De Stefano drafted a statement of information regarding measles for the Board of Commissioners. De Stefano shared the document with the council. Members of the Council sent individual guidance to the document to DeStefano. The document was sent to the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners approved of the document, and it has been since posted and shared on the County's communication channels.

The Council began to discuss the upcoming 2023 year. The group discussed how there is an opportunity for more collaboration. The Council discussed that there is a gap in sharing the message regarding the work that the County Health Advisory Council is doing. The group is looking to grow towards sharing more information with the Lancaster County community.

Guest Randall Gockley, retired Lancaster County Emergency Management Director and current President of the Lancaster County Firemen's Association came to speak to the Council on behalf of the Firemen's Association. Gockley shared information regarding the updates in the fire services and EMS community, including the Pulse Point Program and Penn State Health's new initiative to send medical professionals to the scenes of Cardiac Arrests.

Guest Tim Stuhldreher of One United Lancaster, an affiliate of United Way of Lancaster, spoke on behalf of the media in Lancaster County to provide ideas on how to share more health-related information with the Community.

Dr. Scott reminded the group that the next meeting will be held on April 14, 2023 at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center.

Ken Weber, Fire Training Coordinator at Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center provided an overview of the Training Facility. Weber shared the different classes and programs that are available at the facility. In addition, Weber discussed how the Training Facility became integral in various times of emergency such as a hub for COVID-19 drive-thru testing, supplies distribution and as an emergency shelter for the Motel 6 incident.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 AM.