



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

June 3, 2024, 6:00-7:30pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*Clifton Johnson, Cumberland County Co-Chair  
Shella Korch, Public Health Representative  
Kenny Bailey, Local Government Representative  
Robert Elliott, Farming/Agriculture Representative*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

*Joyce Adams, Higher Education Representative  
Shannon Gettings, Healthcare Representative  
Alexis McClain, 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:**

*Clifton Johnson* welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Approval of May Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: *Shella Korch* motioned to approve May Regular Meeting Minutes.

SECOND: *Kenny Bailey* seconded the motion.

VOTE: Approved (4-0)

Approval of June Agenda.

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

SECOND: *Kenny Bailey* seconded the motion.

VOTE: Approved (4-0)

**Item 2. Action Items:**

*Martina Sconiers-Talbert, AOIII*

a. WIC Outreach Announcements

*LaToya Bell, WIC Outreach Coordinator*

- i. *LaToya Bell* has several outreach opportunities lined up. *Amy Lo* will stand in for her to represent WIC at the USO Baby Shower on June 8, a WIC briefing with the EFMP in August, she will soon speak with the MWR to get the WIC fliers up in appropriate places, and she is working on connecting with units to be able to brief them on WIC.

- b. NCDOT Pedestrian Safety Improvement Program **Tamra Morris, Deputy Health Director**
- i. *Shella Korch* shared some updates from the committee meeting. The committee did a SWOT analysis to come up with areas to focus on to prioritize sidewalk improvements as well as a field review last week.
  - ii. *Clifton Johnson* added that while he was unable to attend the first steering meeting with *Shella Korch*, he knows the committee had reviewed the Ramsey Street corridor, Riley Drive corridor, and the One Drive corridor.
- c. Grant List Updates **Tamra Morris, Deputy Health Director**
- i. *Tamra Morris* shared updates to the grant list that the UNC team has been working on. The most fitting grant they found was the Healthy Food Financing Initiative Planning Grant that targets \$10-150k due in about a week. It is unclear now how exactly the FPC would approach applying to the grant since it requires a plan tied into business development.
  - ii. *Dr. Jennifer Green* pointed out the second grant that may be more viable is from the Joy Pope Memorial Fund that specifically targets NC human services and is for \$100k. It opens in July and closes in September.
  - iii. *Clifton Johnson* asked about possibly supporting food trucks that usually serve soldiers with offering healthier meals. *Tamra Morris* will look into whether these grants are able to support that effort.
  - iv. Members can always post on Basecamp to start a discussion if anyone has ideas, they would like to pursue funding for and staff will support them by assisting in writing and facilitating.
- d. Instacart Update **Tamra Morris, Deputy Health Director**
- i. *Dr. Jennifer Green* shared that the program is technically up and running, but there are a few kinks that have to be fixed before full launch. For example, it is not possible for the public health department to pay for the tip or the long-distance fee which may be an obstacle for some users who live in rural areas, so they are trying to find a solution for this. A health educator who can assist in person with shopping is currently being offered the position to further support clients.
- e. Bylaws edit on Instating Co-Chairs by Council Member Vote Annually **Clifton Johnson, Cumberland County Co-Chair**
- i. Last meeting, *Tamra Morris* proposed some changes to the bylaws that would eliminate the need for the Board of Commissioners to appoint a Co-chair. This discussion will be resumed at the July meeting.
  - ii. *Robert Elliott* brought up a disconnect with the Board of Commissioners which has hindered the FPC that should be addressed. *Dr. Jennifer Green* agreed with him and suggested that the FPC request to be on one of the Board of Commissioners' agenda setting meetings to go over what they have been doing and what they would like to see and do in the future. *Dr. Jennifer Green* will communicate with the County Clerk Office to see if it is viable and *Amy Lo* will initiate a presentation draft that the FPC can review.

iii. *Robert Elliott* brought up concerns with the Farmers Market proposed by Commissioner Keefe a few months ago and *Dr. Jennifer Green* indicated that the idea has not yet progressed beyond just a proposal, but she will provide updates as she receives them.

f. Prospective Member: Roni Winston

***Clifton Johnson, Cumberland County Co-Chair***

- i. *Roni Winston* works at Cumberland County School District for almost 18 years as a classroom teacher and currently as a Section 504 Coordinator and Student Recovery Supervisor where she works with kids with disabilities and kids who are at risk for not graduating. She is very passionate about food insecurity and how it intersects with other issues like transportation as well as its role in enabling kids to be better students.
- ii. Vote
  - a. Shella Korch moves to approve Roni Winston's membership.
  - b. Clifton Johnson second's the motion.
  - c. Unanimous Approval (4-0)

### **Item 3. Missed Meal Vouchers**

***Clifton Johnson, Cumberland County Co-Chair***

***Shannon Gettings, Council Member***  
***Amy Lo, FPC Liaison***

- a. *Clifton Johnson, Tamra Morris, and Shannon Gettings* were interviewed by the Assembly, an online magazine highlighting military installations' food access. They shared statistics regarding food access for soldiers that were shocking to everyone. These statistics were gathered by the team originally funded by the same grant that formed the FPC as well as statistics gathered by the USDA. They also discussed the WIC office on base and how it has affected soldiers with families.
- b. *Tamra Morris* pointed out that there was a discussion on the missed meal vouchers in the Fort Liberty Public Health Partnership meeting. They talked about the process in informing the soldiers about missed meal vouchers and where regular reminders can fit in. For example, if leadership knows about an upcoming mission, they can include the missed meal vouchers in their briefings.
- c. *Clifton Johnson* brought up monthly meetings that include FRG and command leaders that may be a good opportunity to bring up missed meal vouchers. He will look into whether the FPC can have a presence in those meetings and what the meetings are called and bring that information to the next meeting. He highlights the fact that missed meal vouchers are under the Army leadership's responsibilities and they need to be reminded of that.

### **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. *Tamra Morris* shared that registration is up and promotion is being for this program as well.

### **Item 5. Conclusion**

***Clifton Johnson, Cumberland County Co-Chair***



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

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**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

**Monday, July 1, 2024 6-7:30pm**

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