

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



Administration and Human Services Meeting
5th Floor Conference Room
701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

Commissioner Melissa Bynum Chair

*Commissioner Mike Kane – Commissioner Christian Ramirez –
Commissioner Andrew Davis – Commissioner Evelyn Hill*

MINUTES

**Monday, January 27, 2025
5:23 PM-5:36 PM**

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

- Commissioner Bynum, Chair
- Commissioner Kane
- Commissioner Davis (Joined at 5:31 PM)
- Commissioner Burns on behalf of Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Lopez on behalf of Commissioner Ramirez

Committee Members Absent:

- Commissioner Ramirez
- Commissioner Hill (absence memo provided)

Staff Present:

- Maiyee Lor (Deputy Unified Government Clerk)
- SueZanne Bishop (Senior Attorney)
- Wesley McKain (Community Health Manager, Wyandotte County Health Department)
- Rodney Lucas (Interim Assistant County Administrator)

Call to Order:

Commissioner Bynum called the meeting to order at 5:23 PM.

Revisions to Agenda:

No revisions to the agenda were reported.

Approval of Previous Minutes: (Discussion Begins 25:15)

Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the minutes from the October 23 and November 27, 2023, and January 22 and February 26, 2024, meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carries 4-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Kane, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Hill, Ramirez, Davis

Committee Agenda:**Item 1: RESOLUTION: HEALTH EQUITY TASK FORCE GRANT FROM HALL FAMILY FOUNDATION (Discussion Begins 26:05)**

Wesley McKain, Community Health Manager, presented the resolution.

Key Points

- The \$87,000 grant is from the Hall Family Foundation, a private philanthropic organization.
- The grant supports the Wyandotte County Health Equity Task Force, which was first established during the COVID-19 pandemic to address disparities in infection and care across different racial and cultural groups.
- The task force is a coalition of faith-based organizations, clinics, and neighborhood groups that work together to improve health equity and access to healthcare services in the community.
- The grant will allow continued staffing for the task force and provide \$40,000 specifically for ongoing neighborhood-based clinic work.
- The group's work originally relied on American Rescue Plan funding, which has ended, so the Hall Family Foundation's grant is enabling continuation of key initiatives.
- McKain emphasized the importance and effectiveness of this collaborative, community-based model, especially for reaching underserved populations.
- McKain clarified (with support from legal counsel) that this funding is not being used for the current tuberculosis outbreak response; those efforts are handled by the state health department

Commissioner Lopez moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Kane, Davis, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Hill, Ramirez

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 33:33)

Commissioner Kane moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carries 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Kane, Davis, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Hill, Ramirez

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM.

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