

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF
RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY
HELD AT 600 EAST BROAD STREET
IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2024
AT 5:30 P.M.

Board of Commissioners

In Attendance

Charlene Pitchford, Vice Chair
Harold Parker, Jr.
Kyle Elliott

Absent

Veronica Blount
Dyanne Broidy
Barrett Hardiman
Gregory Lewis

Commissioners Attending Virtually

W. R. "Bill" Johnson, Jr., Chair
Edward Jackson, Jr.

RRHA Staff

Steven Nesmith, Chief Executive Officer
George Martin, Lead Counsel
Gerald Carter, Counsel

Call To Order

Vice Chair, Charlene Pitchford called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. An in-person quorum of the Board of Commissioners was not established. Due to not having an in-person quorum, the Chair and the other board members present at the meeting agreed to allow Amy Popovich with the Richmond-Henrico Health Districts to proceed with providing the presentation to the board on the Health Districts Partnerships for the Big 6 Resource Centers.

Health Districts Partnerships for Big 6 Resource Centers

Amy Popovich, Community Health Nurse Manager with the Richmond and Henrico Health Districts provided the following update on the partnership for the Big 6 Resource Centers.

Formation of Resource Centers

- Approximately 16 years ago, Public Health Surveillance data was taken into consideration for opening health clinics inside public housing in Richmond. It was determined that there was a great physical need to have physicians inside Resource Centers.

Resource Center History

- Fairfield – opens November 2009.
- Whitcomb – opens May 2010.
- Creighton – opens Spring 2011.
- Mosby – opens Spring 2011.
- Hillside – opens April 2013.
- Gilpin – opens Fall 2014.

Services

- The Resource Centers provides prevention-focused clinical services to residents in RRHA's Big 6 communities one-day a week. In addition, they address social determinants of health every day of the week. The Big 6 communities are being given the resources to get the residents the care they need to become more proactive with their health as well as living a healthy lifestyle.
- In 2023, there were 518 client visits at the Gilpin and Mosby Resource Centers, and 322 mental health visits at the Gilpin, Whitcomb and Hillside Resource Centers.
- Community Health Workers (CHW) are a daily presence in each center. In 2023, CHW made 1,528 referrals for medical and social resources and 1,242 people attended CHW outreach events.

Future Work: Chronic Disease Prevention.

- Employ a full-time public health nurse to provide:
 - Blood pressure case management
 - Navigation to primary care.
- Employ a health educator to provide:
 - Community gardens.

- Support for healthy living and eating.

Discussion:

Steven Nesmith stated that an outreach campaign will be conducted to assist residents with taking advantage of the services that are being offered through the Resource Centers.

Adjournment

Due to the board still having no in-person quorum, the Board of Commissioners agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Chairman

Chief Executive Officer/Secretary