



Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2020

Members Present:

David Bowman	St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
Lisa Braddix	Greater Detroit Area Health Council
Justen Daniels	Oakland University / OC Sheriff's PAL
Elialuisa (Gigi) Garza	Aetna Better Health of MI
Deidre Hurse	OUIWB School of Medicine
Kathalee James	Friends of Pontiac Parks
Jen Janhevich	Blue Cross Complete
Cheryl LaFleur	CNS Healthcare
Jennifer Lucarelli	Oakland University
Kelsey Merz	Oakland County Health Division
Kristina Ottenwess	Oakland County Health Division
Lindsay Tye	Oakland Mediation Center
Debbie Wisser	Oakland Community Health Network
Madelyne Wright	OLHSA

Guests Present:

Dilhara Muthukuda	MDHHS – WISEWOMAN Program
E. J. Siegel	MDHHS – Cancer Control & Prevention

Staff Present:

Signa Metivier	Oakland County Health Division
Jessica Williams	Oakland County Health Division

1. Introductions

J. Williams welcomed members to the virtual call meeting of Healthy Pontiac, We Can! at 1:02 p.m. on October 13, 2020.

2. Partnership Updates

Member introductions and agency updates. Send agency events and updates to Jessica Williams, williamsjr@oakgov.com between meeting dates.

3. Speed Dater: MDHHS Cancer Control & Prevention / MDHHS WISEWOMAN Program

MDHHS Cancer Control & Prevention: E. J. Siegel, Program Director and Oncology Nurse, oversees the Breast and Cervical Cancer Navigation Program. E. J. Siegel informed members the program which is administered and funded through the CDC was started in 1990 and is available throughout Michigan. She said they have a special Medicaid program where they can get women on Medicaid into cancer treatment programs within 24 hours. She said the program serves over 6,000 women a year and was recently opened to serve women who are underinsured. She said for many women the marketplace insurance is wonderful but for some it comes with extremely high deductibles. The insurance pays for mammograms and pap tests but diagnostics like biopsies are not paid for. Because of this many women were not getting needed tests for early detection of cancer. She said they can now get underinsured women, who meet the income guidelines, into the program and provide the diagnostic tests for them. E. J. Siegel told members the local tri-county agency is located near Karmanos and will connect clients to