



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

December 4th, 2023, 6:00-7:30pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** *LTC Katina Foxworth, Fort Liberty Co-Chair  
Robert Elliott, Farming/Agriculture Representative  
Shannon Gettings, Healthcare Representative  
Kenny Bailey, Local Government Representative  
Clifton Johnson, Community Representative*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** *Alexis McClain, Farming/Agriculture Representative  
Shella Korch, Public Health Representative*

**STAFF PRESENT:** *Martina Sconiers-Talbert, Cumberland County Grant Manager  
Amy Lo, FPC/WIC CIAO Liaison  
Tamra Morris, Deputy Health Director*

**Item 1. Call to Order:**

*Amy Lo* welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Approval of October Regular Meeting Minutes.

**Item 2 Action Items:**

*Amy Lo, FPC/WIC CIAO Liaison*

- a. Ft. Liberty WIC Building and Shadowing Recap
  - i. *Amy Lo* recounted her experience shadowing at the WIC Clinic at Ft. Liberty. She highlighted the staff's challenges regarding the building, facilities, and resources such as limited wifi that hinders their work. She also mentioned the staff's upbeat attitudes and determination despite these obstacles to pursue the mission of assisting people with WIC.
- b. Food Drop: Initiation vs. Continued Work
  - i. *Amy Lo* brought up the WIC CIAO grant's purposes and how it encourages the FPC to continue facilitating food drops, especially at the WIC Office, despite the Council's initial decision to discontinue facilitating food drops.
  - ii. *Martina Sconiers-Talbert* concurred with *Amy Lo*'s points, but added that it is still the FPC's decision to continue.
  - iii. *Robert Elliott* and *Shannon Gettings* expressed being open to continuing the food drop work, but quarterly throughout 2024 as these drops are not the main objective of the council.

Motion: *Amy Lo* motions to approve quarterly food drops in 2024.

Vote: Unanimous (4-0)

c. By Law Review

- i. *Amy Lo* brought up the verbiage in the bylaws that allows Co-Chairs to extend their term to three years, however, given the revisions on the bylaws last month, the language needs to be changed to four years to match.
- ii. *Robert Elliott* suggested changing the language to allow council members to vote and approve extensions if the Co-Chairs would like to extend their terms. All members of the council concurred that this change would be suitable.
- iii. *Amy Lo* will rewrite the language to fit new voting measures and present it next month.

**Item 4. Workgroup - Small Business Incentives (30 minutes)**

- i. Review of Research
  1. *Amy Lo* opened the floor for the council members to present their research on small business incentives, per last month's meeting.
  2. *Robert Elliott* reviewed his initial intentions and ideas concerning small business incentives, highlighting that it is an area that can provide wins for small businesses by alleviating tax burdens or utility fees as well as the county and council by increasing access to nutritious foods.
  3. *Shannon Gettings* presented her research, indicating that most small business incentives that encouraged fresh food sales were funded by grants, not county government.
- ii. Identification of Gaps
  1. *Robert Elliott* reflected on Veronica Feliciano's work on transportation a few months ago. He plans to contact her to recover the work to possibly continue it.
  2. *Amy Lo* will forward the contact list to everyone and update it as necessary.
- iii. Policy Recommendation Suggestions
  1. *Shannon Gettings* pointed out that Commissioner Keefe will visit the council to seek feedback on the International Farmers Market proposal next month and the council can take that opportunity to ask questions regarding the Cumberland County Commissioners' power to change or implement tax breaks or the county budget and what the Commissioners' objectives are.
  2. *Robert Elliott* volunteered to compile a list of questions and post them to Basecamp where other council members can add to it by late December so that Commissioner Keefe can have them ahead of time.
- iv. Plan to Field Suggestions

**Item 5. Conclusion**

*Amy Lo, FPC/WIC Liaison*

- a. Introduction of Visitors
  - a. *Tamra Morris* introduces herself as Deputy Healthy Director.
- b. Public Comment
- c. Announcements Council Members
  - a. *Martina Sconiers-Talbert* announced that the WIC CIAO second quarterly report was submitted last week. A copy will be added to Basecamp.



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d. Dismissal of Visitors

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**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

**Monday, January 8, 2023 6-7:30pm**

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